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GUN LOADED FOR BLANCO

Are the feted Marconi stars able or willing to save their coach, Raul Blanco on Sunday?

After a disastrous run of outs, including three defeats in eight days, Marconi are almost certainly no longer PSL title contenders.

Although the club's Monday night meeting did not sack Blanco, it went pretty close to it.

In fact, should the team lose again and perform badly against Sydney City on Sunday, Blanco can expect to get the bullet within 24 hours.

"His head is certainly on the chopping block," admitted Marconi soccer president Tony Labbozzetta this week.

It is understood that for some weeks now influential members of the club have been demanding the sacking of Blanco and it was largely Tony Labbozzetta who insisted on a period of grace.

This period is now running out.

Sunday's game will show whether the highly rated Marconi players have enough character and ability to stave off a major upheaval in the club.

It will also reveal, as a sort of a litmus test, whether they have any appetite left for Blanco whose fate is now literally in their legs.

Should Blanco be dismissed, assistant coach Luciano Nesti is likely to take over, until at least the end of the season.

Blanco's appointment late last year came as a major surprise after his horror year with St.George in 1980 when, despite mass purchases and constant team changes, the team was relegated from the PSL.

Raul Blanco

He has not had any major successes in his coaching career with Pan Hellenic, Melita, St.George—and now Marconi.

And now that whole career could tumble.

Six coaches have resigned or got fired so far in the PSL this season.

The year's coaching changes:

Lions: Joe Gilroy for Matt Carson.

West Adelaide: Peter Jaksa for Bill Birch.

Newcastle: Ray Baartz for Alan Vest.

Heidelberg: Len McKendry for Jim Rooney.

Preston: Peter Ollerton for Brian Edgeley.

Olympic: Doug Collins for Tommy Docherty.

And now...?

SHOWER WITH A FRIEND

Sydney City's Ian Souness (left) arrives like an express to train — but the ball got stuck behind him in another pool. So Ian and Canberra goalie Steve Hoszowski share the water spray.

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'Mundial' will be safe: Chief

There is now only a year to go to the 1982 World Football Cup Finals, which will begin on June 13, 1982.

Preparations continue but growing political violence in Spain has cast a shadow on the coming festivities.

The country was traumitized by the attempted coup on February 23 and Spain, with 132 deaths in 1980, is second only to Turkey in political violence in Europe.

Raimundo Saporta, president of the organizing committee for "Mundial 82" said recently: "We hope that terrorism will have disappeared from Spain by June, 1982.

"If this is not the case, we think that Spain's interior minister will know how to face the situation, as he already has in the Quini affair.".

Enrique Castro "Quini", a striker for Barcelona, and one of Spain's most beloved football players, was kidnapped in March but found after 25 days by Spanish police who arrested the kidnappers.

Saporta continued: "But is is true that Mundial 82 is not taking place at the best time in Spanish history. It's either ten years too early, or ten years too late.

"Ten years ago, one-man rule was strong in Spain. In 10 years, democracy will have grown more and the country will be more stable than now," Saporta said.

Meanwhile, excitement is building on the streets of Madrid. Tee-shirts, pyjamas, scarves, and other sorts of clothing and trinkets featuring the Mundial are on sale and displayed in store windows.

Television and the written press are all gearing up for the event. A 191-metre television tower will be built in Madrid for broadcasting coverage of the world cup.

A special Mundial 82 lottery in April made some seven million dollars for the State and Saporta points to this as an omen that "the Mundial won't cost a peseta for the Spanish state and its supporters, but will make them money."

ESPAÑA 82

Small squad goes to Fiji

Australia will take only 16 players for its World Cup match against Fiji.

The team will leave on Wednesday, July 22 and play its game on July 26 in Suva.

In a cost-cutting exercise, even a manager won't accompany the team.

ASF vice president Vic Tuting, who will be in Fiji for an Oceania Confederation meeting, will act as ASF representative.

Last week's ASF executive committee meeting decided against appointing an assistant coach.

In Melbourne, Tony Boggi, in Sydney Raul Blanco will assist Les Scheinflug with the preparations — both in an unpaid capacity.

The ASF has not made any decision in the Yzendoorn "tape-case".

This will be discussed at the next meeting, on July 9, when Yzendoorn will have to appear to explain his part in this strange affair.

The Australia v Fiji World Cup return match will be staged in Melbourne on August 14.

STH. AFRICA OFF LIMITS

English Football Association officials this week threatened to take action against any league stars who play in South Africa.

"If a player wants to go to South Africa on holiday or to coach he is perfectly entitled to do so," said FA spokesman Glenn Mirton.

"But if he plays out there he is out of order."

"FIFA, world soccer's governing body, would also take a dim view of any affiliated footballer player there," Mirton added.

"As South Africa is not a member of FIFA we could not sanction a tour — and as far as we are aware no team is going there."

WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS...

ROMAN ACE HAILED AS ITALY'S STAR PLAYER

Leapfrogging over all the imported stars, AS Roma's striker Roberto Pruzzo was voted by the Press to be Italy's best player of the recently concluded championship.

Pruzzo, it may be recalled, was seen in Sydney a few years ago — with the Italian Army team.

Behind him the ranking was Krol (Napoli), Dossena (Bologna), Zoff (Juventus) and Falcao (Roma).

The season was, in many ways, disastrous for Italian soccer.

Beset by the notorious Betting Scandal and almost non-stop rumors of match-fixings, fans disgustedly gave away attending games.

The crowd figures plummeted by almost 800,000 on the previous year's causing a damage estimated around $4 million.

But not all clubs were involved. AS Roma, for example, had a successful season, having taken in some 5,300 million liras at the gates. (One $A is about 1200 liras).

Soon the traditional off-season movement of coaches and players will begin.

Radice (Bologna) will be the new coach of the promoted AC Milan from where Giacomini (who was in Australia last year with the team) will join AC Torino.

Burgnich (Catanzaro) will go to Roma and Tidia (Cagliari) to Perugia.

Among the players, the biggest sensation so far was caused by the transfer of internationals Graziani and Pecci from Torino to Fiorentina.

Benedetti from Pistoiese will go to Juventus, Dossena (Bologna) to Torino.

And that's only the start: the real mass movements have yet to begin...

Roberto Pruzzo

English clubs lead Europe

Don't judge the strength of English soccer on their national team...

This is the warning oozing out of statistics based on past results of the Euro-Cups.

English clubs have won more titles in the last 25 years than teams from any other country.

The list:

	C1	C2	C3	Total
England	6	4	8	18
Spain	6	3	6	15
Italy	4	3	2	9
West Germany	3	3	3	9
Holland	4	—	2	6
Portugal	2	1	—	3
Scotland	1	1	—	2
Belgium	—	2	—	2
USSR	—	2	—	2
East Germany	—	1	—	1
Czechoslovakia	—	1	—	1
Hungary	—	—	1	1
Yugoslavia	—	—	1	1

Legend: C1: Champions' Cup; C2: UEFA Cup; C3: Cupwinners' Cup.

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PROBLEMS IN SPAIN

More World Cup problems in the north of Spain, where work on modernising the San Mames stadium in Bilbao *still* hasn't begun, even though it was originally scheduled to get under way in July, 1980.

The problems now centre on a demand by the Bilbao local authority that the club should provide $2,500,000 for the construction of a new car park adjacent to the stadium.

The club can't raise the cash overnight; construction work is still paralysed; and experts are worried that the programme to add 10,000 seats to be stadium's 42,000 capacity may not now be feasible.

Meanwhile, the directors of Atletico Madrid were surprised to be informed that FIFA President Joao Havelange would be leading a team of officials on a visit to their Vicente Calderon stadium "to inspect modernisation work being carried out prior to the 1982 World Cup'.

"It seems a bit strange," admitted Atletico president Alfonso Cabeza, "because construction work has not yet started."

Santillana, Spain

DATSUN

GOLDEN BOOT TO HUNGARY

Tibor Nyilasi

Hungarian Tibor Nyilasi has won the "Golden Boot" award given to the season's top scorer in European soccer leagues.

Nyilasi, an attacking midfield player, earns a trophy given by a French magazine and a sports goods manufacturer.

He totalled 30 goals, one ahead of West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Nyilasi, 26, who helped his club Ferencvaros to win the Hungarian championship, quit football in 1979, saying he could not stand the strain, but came back the following year.

PAISLEY STOPS

The quiet, almost shy Bob Paisley is undoubtedly Europe's top manager.

Since taking over Liverpool in 1974 from Bill Shankly, Liverpool under Paisley have won nine titles.

This makes Paisley the most successful English club coach of all times.

His record: European Champions' Cup 1977, 1978 and 1981, UEFA Cup 1976, English title 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980 and English League Cup in 1981.

And all this in seven seasons...

Bob Paisley

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• *Glenn Hoddle has announced that he would like to quit Tottenham and to play on the Continent.*

★ ★ ★

• *Former Yugoslav international Bosko Jankovic has returned home, after two seasons with Middlesbrough. He will play for Zeljeznicar.*

★ ★ ★

• *Argentinian star Alberto Tarantini, now back in Buenos Aires, said in a recent interview that he couldn't settle down in Birmingham because "the players used to go out drinking even if we'd lost, which was most of the time."*

★ ★ ★

• *The West German Dortmund have on their staff a Costan Rican doctor, Augusto Cruz — who treats the players with acupuncture.*

★ ★ ★

• *Birmingham have signed Dutchman Toine van Mierlo, 23, for $300,000.*

★ ★ ★

• *Aston Villa striker David Geddis wants to quit because he is squeezed out of the team by Peter Withe and Gary Shaw. He was signed from Ipswich two years ago for $600,000.*

★ ★ ★

• *Ferencvaros, the most popular club in Hungary, won the 1980-81 championship ahead of Vasas.*

★ ★ ★

• *Spain will tour South America in July hoping to "get acquainted" with the top 1982 World Cup contenders.*

★ ★ ★

• *The veteran Hungarian coach, Lajos Baroti, has signed another year's contract with Portugal's Benfica, after having won both the Cup and the championship with them.*

★ ★ ★

• *Olympiakos won the Greek title — their 21st in their history, from AEK and Aris.*

★ ★ ★

• *Rivelino, 34, the former Brazilian ace, will say his official farewell on July 8 when he appears for Brazil against Spain in Rio.*

★ ★ ★

• *Chile has qualified for the 1982 World Cup finals, having won its group ahead of Paraguay and Ecuador.*

★ ★ ★

• *Admiral Carlos Alberto Lacoste, chief of the 1978 World Cup Organising Committee and a FIFA vice President, has been appointed Argentina's Minister of Sport. His portfolio also includes tourism, youth, family, housing, social security, lotteries — and pawnshops. Perhaps the World Cup was easier...*

★ ★ ★

• *In the World Cup match against England, the Hungarian players, for the first time ever, had their names on their shirts.*

★ ★ ★

• *Malcolm Allison, the dismissed manager of Manchester City has been engaged as the boss of the Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon.*

★ ★ ★

• *St.Etienne won the French title, for the 10th time, by four points from Nantes.*

★ ★ ★

• *Ron Atkinson, 42, former manager of West Bromwich, is the new boss at Manchester United. West Brom is now asking for a compensation of $250,000 from United for Atkinson's broken contract.*

★ ★ ★

• *German international striker Klaus Fischer says he won't stay with his relegated club, Schalke and is prepared to buy out his own contract, then sell himself to another club. FC Koln is interested.*

★ ★ ★

• *Sepp Piontek, Denmark's manager, after the World Cup triumph (3-1) over Italy: "This was the best Denish display since the 1960 Rome Olympics."*

★ ★ ★

• *Paraguay won a place in the semi-finals of the Joao Havelange International Youth Cup soccer tournament when they beat Yugoslavia 2-0. In another match, Argentina beat Poland 3-1 to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the semifinals.*

★ ★ ★

PREVIEW OF PSL

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

MIDFIELD

Muir

Despite drastic reshuffles, new signings and sackings, Marconi don't seem able to halt their slide.

Sydney City are in an irresistible mood and even a two-goal deficit doesn't seem to bother them any more.

The exciting Watson—Souness—Patikas midfield is likely to take a firm hold on the game and the rest will be up to Boden and Kosmina, both close to top form, against a disorganised Marconi defence.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.

FIFTH WIN

Stark

West Adelaide's position is becoming pretty hopeless; with 12 rounds to go they would have to start collecting points to avoid the need for administrative manoeuvres to stay in the PSL.

Canberra were a shade unlucky to lose in Sydney last week as they proved to be a compact, classy team.

If Gibson and Purdie can return to their form of a few weeks ago and provide more support for the brilliant and speedy Brennan, they look a good bet to chalk up their fifth away win of the season.

Our tip: Canberra 2-0.

POTENTIAL

Pointer

After a reasonable start, Blacktown have gone sour and are in danger of being left near the bottom of the table.

Against Wollongong they will be without the suspended Milovanovic, further weakening the defence which has conceded 31 goals so far.

Wollongong are plodding on well — a great deal better than one had expected.

With Bertogna their defence has gained further strength but the old problem of getting goals remains, handicapping the potentials of this ambitious club.

Our tip: Wollongong 2-1.

NEW SPIRIT

O'Connor

Both Newcastle and Leichhardt have improved spectacularly in recent weeks and their clash could produce a thrilling encounter.

Guest star Mick Channon and new manager Ray Baartz might have been the tonic that was needed for a lift in the team's sagging morale at Newcastle, who look set for another win.

Leichhardt, despite serious injury problems, hold together amazingly well.

They have the best "away" record in the League and their chances will improve if Giampaolo and the already fit Butler slot into the team on a permanent basis.

Our tip: Newcastle 2-1.

FUN IN THE MUD

Sydney City goalie Todd Clarke scrambled a long range shot to safety last Sunday then lost his balance and needed the support of the goalpost.

Canberra goalie Steve Hoszowski failed to hold a bouncing low header from Steve O'Connor and the ball just squeezed over the line. The match was played on a heavy, waterlogged pitch.

PURPLE PATCH

Campbell

Under the familiar reign of Len McKendry, Heidelberg is gradually coming to its senses.

The good old one-two moves between Paton and Cole begin to bring results and the rearguard is also more solid — but not quite up to the days of Pat Bannon.

Adelaide City have hit a purple patch, just at the right time.

So guest star Fashanu can join in the fun.

Adcity will be without Mitchell — away in New Caledonia — but the brilliant Norwich striker will more than adequately fill his place.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-1.

NOT SHARP

Cotton

Olympic's post-Doc blues had better vanish because they have a tough battle on their hands against the fast, tenacious Brisbane City.

The Olympic defence won't have an easy afternoon as City's strikers know how to stage their raids swiftly, often on the flanks.

In front of their loyal fans, Olympic are usually a menacing unit but few of them seem to be sharp enough in front of goal.

Brisbane City seldom excel away from home — one win in nine outings can't fill them with too much hope for this excursion.

Our tip: Olympic 1-0.

MAGIC LEFT

Lions, usually most reliable at home, meet South Melbourne, so far unbeaten in an away match — a typical draw on the horizon.

The Lions don't find it easy to get goals but their defence is always solid and dependable.

South Melbourne are hanging on to their PSL lead though they, too, have difficulty getting goals.

Perhaps Steve Wooddin's magic left foot will start firing soon taking some of the load of the other front runners.

It will be a tight battle with very few goals in it.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

HIGH STAKES

Jovanovic

The Footscray v Preston game will be a sort of relegation derby: the loser can start some real worrying.

New Footscray striker Verweij will add height and punch to the attack which has scored the smallest number of goals in the PSL.

Preston are slipping on the table and even new-broom coach Ollerton couldn't stop their slide.

A mere three points in nine away matches doesn't promise a lot for Preston who might be happy with a point.

Our tip: Footscray 2-1.

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VILLANI (Adcity) **SOUNESS** (Sydney City) **YANKOS** (Heidelberg)

LOW (Bris.City) **SOPER** (Leichhardt) **WOODDIN** (Sth.Melbourne)

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• *Melbourne referee Denis Voutsinas suffered injuries including a whiplash to his neck on Saturday night in a car smash.*

★ ★ ★

• *Both Sydney City and Canberra wanted their match called off because of the waterlogged pitch but referee Tony Boskovic ordered the game to go on.*

• *Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "At half-time I didn't give us much of a chance to come back from 0-2. It was a superb display by the boys.*

★ ★ ★

• *George Murray, Canberra: "We felt the absence of Cole in the second half when we were under pressure. We lost the game in a 10-minute spell.*

★ ★ ★

• *Canberra's Duncan Cole suffered a split bottom lip last Sunday — team-mate Roy Stark's boot did the damage.*

★ ★ ★

• *Isaac Farrell, the versatile Canberra star, has asked to go on the transfer list. The starting price is $14,000.*

★ ★ ★

• *South Melbourne's John Margaritis: "We should have scored seven goals but we missed the chances."*

★ ★ ★

• *Peter Ollerton, Preston's caretaker coach: "Considering the circumstances, we didn't do too badly. The team spirit was better than in the past few weeks and we were the better side in the first half."*

★ ★ ★

• *Ivo Prskalo has been put on the transfer list by Marconi with president Tony Labbozetta saying: "He will never kick a ball for us again." Jim Muir may also leave the club.*

★ ★ ★

• *This could be the bargain of the decade: Newcastle's Malcolm McClelland is finished with that club — and can be had for a paltry $500.*

★ ★ ★

• *Adelaide City teenager Peter Rankin was a last minute member of the travelling party for the Philips Cup game against Heidelberg last week when coach Bob D'Ottavi called him to replace Johnny Nyskohus who was unavailable through business. Rankin, 17, was thrilled because he wanted to see Justin Fashanu make his 1981 debut, then received an unexpected bonus when D'Ottavi listed him as Fashanu's overnight room companion at City's Melbourne motel.*

• *Adelaide City will be without two internationals for their clash with Heidelberg in Melbourne on Sunday. Striker David Mitchell will be on national team duty with the youth squad in Noumea, while Kiwi squad member Glenn Dods in recuperating from a cartilage operation he had last Monday.*

★ ★ ★

• *Mick Channon will appear at the Weston Workers Club this week as guest speaker to a fund raising dinner for the International Year of the Disabled Person. Craig Johnton, now back in Australia for his forthcoming wedding will also be in attendance.*

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• *Newcastle's next home match will be played on Saturday at the Sports Centre against Leichhardt in order not to clash with the Rugby League match Newcastle v the French touring side.*

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• *George Potter, Brisbane City: "We needed this win after our recent lapses and it was nice to see goals flow from four different areas of play. The feeling is now back in the team and they cannot wait for the next game."*

★ ★ ★

• *Adelaide City coach Bob D'Ottavi rested Brian Northcote and Chris Manou against Sydney Olympians on Sunday so both or either could come in fresh against Heidelberg this week.*

★ ★ ★

• *Adelaide City coach, Bob D'Ottavi: "I was pleased with the way Justin Fashanu fitted in and I was encouraged by the improved form of Johnny Nyskohus and Sergio Melta."*

★ ★ ★

• *Lions-hearted defender John Sneddon saved manager coach Ray Baartz a ticklish selection problem when he was forced to pull out of the squad with a hamstring injury. With reliable skipper Roy Drinkwater, together with Craig Mason and Sneddon vying for the central defensive roles, Baartz would have had an uneviable decision to make.*

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	★			1-0	3-2	1-0		3-1		0-1		4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	★	2-0						1-2		0-2	0-1	4-0		1-2	0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	★		2-2			3-1	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2				
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		★		0-0	2-0		0-0	4-0				3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS		3-1		1-0	★	1-0	4-0		0-0			0-1	2-1	1-1		1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0		★	5-0		0-1		2-2			2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0				★	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2				1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS		2-0		2-0		1-1		★			0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	3-0		3-2		0-0		2-0	2-2	★		1-1	2-1			0-1	
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		★		1-2	1-0			1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0				1-0		2-1	2-1		1-0	★	2-0		1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB		4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0					★	4-0	1-2		1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3	1-1		0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1		★	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0				0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	★	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1	3-2		1-0		5-0		4-1	2-0		★	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1	0-0	1-1		2-1	3-4	1-1				2-2	3-1		★

World Youth Cup referees

The ASF this week announced the list of referees selected by FIFA to officiate at the World Youth Cup.

They are: Courtney (Great Britain), Redelfs (Germany), Menegali (Italy), Jarguz (Poland), Igna (Rumania), Soriano (Spain), Marquez (Mexico), Kibritjian (United States of America), Romero (Argentina), Coelho (Brazil), Martinez (Uruguay), Fahmy (Egypt), Kamden (Cameroon), Woo-Bong (Korea), Mubarak (Qatar), Henninglund-Sorensen (Denmark), Valentine (Scotland), Mendez (Guatemala), Castro (Chile), Gebreyesus (Ethiopia), Sano (Japan), Boskovic (Australia).

Courtney and Menegali refereed Australia's matches against New Zealand in the recent World Cup qualifying series. Courtney was in charge of the Sydney match, and Menegali refereed the Auckland encounter.

Six more Australian referees have been appointed to act as linesmen.

They are: Bambridge, Campbell, Harwood, Johnston, Mellings and Rampley.

The ASF has also announced that a number of advanced orders have been received for tickets to the Cup. The Argentinian Embassy has purchased 2,500 tickets for each of the three matches that Argentina will play in Round 1.

New coach

Doug Collins, Tommy Docherty's former assistant at Derby County, is ready to leave England to take over as Sydney Olympic coach for the balance of the season.

Collins came to Australia to find out if he liked the country, and will now migrate.

His playing career was with Burnley and Sutherland in the English league and then with Tulsa in the United States.

JAKSA TOUGH

Shape up or ship out is the firm message that has been delivered to Westad's playing staff by new coach Peter Jaksa and his committee.

Captain Peter Boyle was placed on the club's transfer list last Thursday following a tiff with officials.

The former Scottish professional follows ex-Leeds United player Peter Tymczyszyn who was transfer-listed several weeks back.

Boyle had denied allegations of non-co-operation with Jaksa and says that he fell out with officialdom over their refusal to grant his nephew Jimmy Hughes a transfer.

Meanwhile, Westad expect their latest import Colin Gregson to arrive from the UK within a week and are hoping to sign Adelaide Croatia strikers Peter Kowalski and Vic Smythe.

— Allan Crisp

Congratulations to:

- **Gary Byrne (Marconi)**
- **Bugsy Nyskohus (Adcity)**
- **Kevin Caldwell (Brisbane City)**

on having played their 100th PSL match last weekend.

Canberra's Don McLaren does a spectacular scissors kick against Sydney City last Sunday.

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	AGGREGATE								HOME								AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 SOUTH MELBOURNE	17	8	8	1	23	15	+ 8	24	9	6	2	1	11	6	14		8	2	6	—	12	9	10
2 ADELAIDE CITY	18	10	3	5	31	18	+13	23	10	7	—	3	17	9	14		8	3	3	2	14	9	9
3 SYDNEY CITY	16	10	3	3	27	14	+13	23	8	6	2	—	18	5	14		8	4	1	3	9	9	9
4 BRISBANE CITY	18	8	6	4	21	12	+ 9	22	9	7	2	—	16	2	16		9	1	4	4	5	10	6
5 LEICHHARDT	17	8	6	3	23	15	+ 8	22	9	4	3	1	13	7	11		9	4	3	2	10	8	11
6 CANBERRA	18	8	5	5	25	14	+11	21	9	4	3	2	17	8	11		9	4	2	3	8	6	10
7 NEWCASTLE	18	8	3	7	26	25	+ 1	19	9	3	3	3	15	10	9		9	5	—	4	11	15	10
8 LIONS	17	5	8	4	21	16	+ 5	18	9	5	3	1	13	5	13		8	—	5	3	8	11	5
9 WOLLONGONG	18	6	6	6	24	26	− 2	18	10	5	4	1	17	11	14		8	1	2	5	7	15	4
10 OLYMPIC	18	4	9	5	22	21	+ 1	17	8	2	4	2	12	11	8		10	2	5	3	10	10	9
11 MARCONI	17	7	3	7	16	25	− 9	17	10	5	2	3	13	12	12		7	2	1	4	3	13	5
12 HEIDELBERG	17	5	4	8	23	28	− 5	14	8	3	2	3	9	9	8		9	2	2	5	14	19	6
13 PRESTON	18	4	4	10	20	30	−10	12	9	3	3	3	13	10	9		9	1	1	7	7	20	3
14 BLACKTOWN	17	3	5	9	23	31	− 8	11	8	2	2	4	13	15	6		9	1	3	5	10	16	5
15 FOOTSCRAY	18	3	5	10	14	33	−19	11	9	3	4	2	12	10	10		9	—	1	8	2	23	1
16 WEST ADELAIDE	18	3	2	13	16	32	−16	8	8	2	1	5	8	10	5		10	1	1	8	8	22	3

WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE

O'Donnell

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning. 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Sunday, 3pm
Gabbie Stadium

PAST RESULTS:

Blacktown v Wollongong for the first time.

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. **Coach:** K. Morton.

REFEREE: J. Reeves
Linesmen: A. Owens
P. Hafey

Morton

Brogan

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

Sunday, 3pm
Marconi Stadium

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Marconi v Sydney City 1-1
1978: Marconi v Sydney City 1-2
1979: Marconi v Sydney City 1-0
1980: Marconi v Sydney City 2-0

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 5. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

REFEREE: B. Harwood
Linesmen: G. Power
A Morrison

Kosmina

Rowden

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. **Coach:** D. Collins.

Sunday, 3pm
Pratten Park

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Olympic v Brisbane City 4-0
1978: Olympic v Brisbane City 2-1
1979: Olympic v Brisbane City 0-1

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4 Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. **Coach:** G. Potter.

REFEREE: P. Rampley
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson
T. Williams

Palinkas

Millman

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. **Coach:** J. Gilroy.

Sunday, 3pm
Richlands

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Lions v Sth.Melbourne 2-0
1978: Lions v Sth. Melbourne 1-1
1979: Lions v Sth. Melbourne 2-0
1980: Lions v Sth. Melbourne 2-1

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wooddin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. **Coach:** H. Margaritis.

REFEREE: D. Nugent
Linesmen: C. Amos
G. Nicholson

Campbell

Sumner

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 18. Storey, 19. Channon, 20. Gosling. **Coach:** R. Baartz.

Saturday, 2.30pm
International Sports Centre

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Newcastle v Leichhardt 1-0
1980: Newcastle v Leichhardt 1-0

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. **Coach:** W.Wallace.

REFEREE: E. Venios
Linesmen: A. Rodway
J. Judd

Hughes

Olver

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. **Coach:** L. McKendry.

Sunday, 3pm
Olympic Park

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Heidelberg v Adelaide City 1-0
1978: Heidelberg v Adelaide City 3-0
1979: Heidelberg v Adelaide City 1-0
1980: Heidelberg v Adelaide City 0-0

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Przybylski. **Coach:** B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: R. Mee
Linesmen: J. Fearn
M. Momont

Northcote

Koulianos

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymsczyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianos, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. **Coach:** P. Jaksa.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Hindmarsh

PAST RESULTS:

1977: West Adelaide v Canberra 0-0
1978: West Adelaide v Canberra 2-0
1979: West Adelaide v Canberra 2-0
1980: West Adelaide v Canberra 2-0

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hoszowski. **Coach:** G. Murray.

REFEREE: D. Campbell
Linesmen: J. Rossis
P. Smallman

McLaren

Boland

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella. 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. **Coach:** C. Cirkovic.

Sunday, 3pm
Conner Reserve

PAST RESULTS:

Footscray v Preston for the first time.

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 20. Clayton. **Coach:** P. Ollerton.

REFEREE: T. Davies
Linesmen: S. Zoumas
M. Gaut

Brown

DUNLOP SPORTS FOOTWEAR

SCOREBOARD

REWARDED

The diminutive Craig Low was the best player on the park in this match which was of a poor standard.

Low was one of the few players to rise above mediocrity and his positive, speedy running created holes in the Wolves defence.

With his blond mane flowing in the breeze, this young Lion was a constant menace to Wollongong.

Low was rewarded for a fine performance in the 40th minute when he put Brisbane ahead with a crashing drive.

This was one of the occasions when Low created an opening for himself on the right.

Brisbane's goal was the first real highlight of a rather dull match.

The game was played mainly in midfield and most of the attacking was done by Lions.

The Wolves created only two scoring chances in the whole 90 minutes which proved once again their lack of striking power.

The first of these fell to McBreen after 62 minutes. With his back to the Lions goal he picked up a Tredinnick cross, turned and hit a bullet-like shot past Lowndes to make it 1-1.

The other chance came seven minutes from fulltime when Willis overlapped on the right and got into an excellent position but his shot went wide.

Arno Bertogna and Chris Dunleavy defended well for the Wolves while McBreen had another good match.

On the debit side, Tredinnick and Campbell were ineffective up front.

Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett were solid at the back for Lions while Low had a fine game.

Bob Latchford was introduced into the match in the 68th minute and while his presence couldn't swing the game in Brisbane's favor, he showed touches of his undoubted class.

The home crowd jeered their team off the ground and it could be they are getting weary of the inevitable 1-1 draws.

The coming match against Newcastle is expected to produce a crowd of 10,000 and bring in much needed revenue.

But if this game was any yardstick, the Wolves fans are losing faith and the eventual bonanza may not arrive which would be a tragedy for Wollongong after such a great season start.

— Paul Posetti

WOLLONGONG v BRISBANE LIONS 1-1(0-1)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Preston (4)
Willis (3) Bertogna (4) Dunleavy (4) Ainsworth (2)
Adam (3) Lathan (2) Fleming (3)
McBreen (4) Campbell (3) Tredinnick (3)

McNaughton (3) Daunt (3) **Low (5)**
Ogden (3) Wilson (3) Ferris (3)
Hogg (3) Bennett (4) Hermiston (4) Ontong (4)
Dando (4)

Lions (4-3-3)

Replacements: Latchford (68m) for Ogden.
Goals: 0-1 Low (40m), 1-1 McBreen (62m).
Referee: G. Power — **Crowd:** 3,748 — **Caution:** Willis.

KNOCK-OUT

The first half was terrible. With Brisbane City tentative after two consecutive defeats and their opponents Marconi labouring under a fanciful system that saw Henderson playing behind two stoppers, Housseini doubling as a midfielder, fullback, Degney struggling in midfield and Mariani trying to adjust once more to a striking role, the crowd were treated to 45 minutes of boredom.

The second half saw Brisbane City hit their straps and set out to destroy the myth that Marconi are still a power in Philips League.

Inside five minutes they had taken the lead when Ratcliffe sent McVeigh away down the left.

A near post cross, a back header by Paul Wilkinson and young Vincenzino had the simplest of jobs to nod home his first PSL goal.

The flood gates opened.

Within a minute Maher had to make a flying save from an attempted Wilkinson chip shot, after Gaffney had done the spade work.

Henderson, obviously frustrated, speculated with a long drive but it skidded wide.

City's reply was instantaneous and again Maher had to perform at his best to snatch a McVeigh shot out of the air.

Two minutes later a Pimblett volley screamed wide.

Another goal had to come and a clever interpassing move between Pimblett and Gaffney set up Paul Wilkinson who rocketed a left footer into the roof of the net from an acute angle.

A great Palinkas run put him behind the defence but Maher cut out his cross brilliantly with Pimblett waiting.

Then Gaffney got reward for his efforts when he wiggled through three inept challengers and volleyed past the helpless Maher.

The little midfielder was instrumental in the last goal when he was sent sprawling in the box. Caldwell crashed home the penalty.

It had taken only 21 minutes to destroy a legend.

The scoring had ended but chances were missed that could have brought the score to 7-0 just as easily.

Poor Maher, he had to suffer the indignity of being booked after having to charge ten yards out of the penalty area to bring down the onrushing McVeigh.

Paul Wilkinson hesitated twice when it looked easier to score.

— Jim Binnie.

BRISBANE CITY v MARCONI 4-0(0-0)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Coe (4)
Caldwell (4) Ratcliffe (3) Dunne (4) W.Wilkinson (3)
Vincenzino (3) Pimblett (3) Gaffney (3)
Palinkas (3) P.Wilkinson (3) McVeigh (3)

Jankovics (2) Mariani (3) Sharne (2)
Degney (2) Byrne (2) Housseini (3)
Calderon (2) Muir (2) Brogan (2)
Henderson (4)
Maher (5)

Marconi (1-3-3-3)

Replacements: Krncevic (54m) for Degney, Connor (63m) for Vincenzino, Confessore (66m) for Palinkas.
Goals: 1-0 Vincenzino (50m), 2-0 P. Wilkinson (61m), 3-0 Gaffney (68m), 4-0 Caldwell (71m, pen.).
Referee: A. Rodway — **Crowd:** 3,100 — **Cautions:** P. Wilkinson, Krncevic, Maher.

MACHINE

South Melbourne started off more aggressively, weaving their patterns and interpassing at incredible speed with Footscray showing lots of courage.

A fine dummy by Rogers let Bannon through and Boland gave warning that he was in top form in the 5th minute, saving the shot for a corner.

Footscray were building up steadily but Souths were moving like a well oiled machine.

Blair surged forward at left midfield and from 35 metres unleashed a superb drive which rattled the crossbar.

The shot had an electrifying effect on the crowd.

Stevenson, Bannon and across to Evans for a header which brought out another magnificent save from Boland in the 20th minute.

Christopoulos who was showing his best form for some time broke through to pressure the Footscray defence.

Steve Wooddin gave the opposing defence anxious moments before swerving through and scoring his first goal for his new club on the halftime.

Bruno Cozzella had an easy chance but missed in the 36th minute for Footscray.

An Evans drive was thwarted by Boland pushing it over the bar for a corner.

Wooddin was winding his way into the box when he was upended and the referee pointed to the spot.

Christopoulos made not mistake in the 40th minute, and it was 2-0.

Steve Wooddin, having tasted the joys of his first goal made every post a winner during the final five minutes of the half, and only Boland barred his way.

Boland's display on the day could see him become a top candidate for State honors.

Footscray came out for the second half with a more confident air and found they had a slight breeze in their favor.

Their well known style of attack gave them added mobility and soon had Souths rattled, further confused by some refereeing decisions.

Licanin came good with the revival of Footscray and his fine shot stretched Laumets in the 65th minute.

Wooddin was now the star, being in every bit of action and bringing Christopoulos, Stevenson and Campbell in turn to test Boland.

Injury time was with us now and newcomer Johan Verweij just beat the final whistle with a last second goal.

— Jock Stephen

STH.MELBOURNE v FOOTSCRAY 2-1(2-0)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Laumets (4)
Bannon (4) Blair (4) Xanthopoulos (3) Davidson (4)
Stevenson (3) Christopoulos (4) Rogers (4)
Campbell (4) Evans (4) **Wooddin (6)**

Lujic (3) Verweij (4) Licanin (4)
Jovanovic (4) Ilioski (4) Cozzella (3)
Belic (3) Kondarios (4) Kyriakouleas (3) Milne (3)
Boland (6)

Footscray (4-3-3)

Replacements: None.
Goals: 1-0 Wooddin (30m), 2-0 Christopoulos (40m., pen.), 2-1 Verweij (90m).
Referee: J. Fearn — **Crowd:** 5,000 — **Cautions:** Kondarios, Bannon.

SAMURAI

I disagree with those who claim that the heavy, in patches waterlogged pitch made entertaining soccer almost impossible.

If anything, it added a measure of exciting unpredictability to the game and drew total commitment from the 22 players.

It was a test of wit and imagination, not just endurance: players had the task of skirting the few truly horrible "pools" on the ground and those with above average skill came through with flying colors.

In the 14th minute a stunning cross on the run by Watson gave Kosmina a free header — but the ball went straight to Hoszowski.

Three minutes later Canberra — attacking the wetter end of the ground — went ahead.

Stark's 25-metre shot was saved to corner and from there John O'Shea smashed the ball into the corner grazing some legs on the way.

It was all Canberra now, surging forward, revelling in the mud, with the ball doing all sorts of fancy tricks in the Slickers goalmouth.

Then, in the 29th minute, it was 0-2. After a battle in a waterpool, McLaren crossed the ball into the goalmouth and the ball skidded off Mullen's head into the corner.

Predictably, it was the Slickers' turn after halftime to make full use of the wet-end of the ground — and they did this in a seven-minute burst.

First O'Connor headed home a Bruce freekick then, after a quick break, Boden poked in the equaliser.

Perhaps the classiest goal was the last: the ball travelled via Boden-Souness-Mullen to Kosmina and the blond striker's low shot made Hoszowski grope in vain.

After this, Canberra managed to steady their ranks — but only sufficiently to escape further punishment.

Both teams still had some chances and first Brennan, then Byrne could have grabbed the equaliser had they been a shade faster in the goalmouth.

A lot of the credit must go to Ian Souness who combined all the elements of soccer, ice hockey, kung-fu and samurai determination to plough through the field from end to end, driving his team relentlessly.

— Andrew Dettre

SYDNEY CITY v CANBERKA 3-2(0-2)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Clarke (4)
Mullen (4) Spanos (4) O'Connor (3) Bruce (3)
Patikas (3) **Souness (5)** Barnes (4)
Watson (4) Kosmina (3) Boden (3)

McLaren (3) Gibson (2) Brennan (4)
Purdie (2) J. O'Shea (3) Cole (—)
R. O'Shea (4) Byrne (4) Stark (4) M. O'Shea (3)
Hoszowski (3)

Canberra (4-3-3)

Replacements: Farrell (4, 19m) for Cole, Valeri (64m) for McLaren, Cant (75m) for Patikas, Robertson (76m) for Kosmina.
Goals: 0-1 J. O'Shea (17m), 0-2 Mullen (29m., o.g.), 1-2 O'Connor (54m), 2-2 Boden (57m), 3-2 Kosmina (61m).
Referee: T. Boskovic — **Crowd:** 2,400 — **Caution:** Brennan.

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LEICHHARDT v BLACKTOWN 3-2 (2-1)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Woodhouse (4)
Coyne (3) Hughes (4) Wilson (4) McAusland (3)
Butler (4) Bradley (3) Gray (3)
Morsello (4) **Soper (5)** O'Connor (4)

Jones (4) Turner (3) Djordjevic (4)
O'Donnel (4) Hormazabal (4) Selvage (4)
Wheatley (4) **Pointer (5)** Milovanovic (1) Rasmussen (3)
James (4)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Replacements: Giampaolo (78m) for Bradley, Culina (33m) for O'Donnell.
Goals: 1-0 Bradley (13m), 2-0 O'Connor (35m), 2-1 Djordjevic (43m), 3-1 Hughes (52m), 3-2 Turner (56m. pen.).
Referee: K. Allan — **Crowd:** 4,097 — **Cautions:** Milovanovic, James, Giampaolo, Butler — **Sent off:** Milovanovic.

INCIDENTS

Leichhardt Strikers, two cuts above their opponents in the first half, had to pull out all stops in the second half to stave off a determined effort by the Demons and win narrowly.

The Demons lost their defender Mike Milovanovic one minute from the interval, after earlier he had received a yellow card.

With the 10 men, the Demons played better and more entertaining football and had the Strikers in all sorts of trouble in the second half.

The Strikers could have wrapped up the game in the first half, as they had the measure of their opponents and created enough chances to score more than double the two goals they did manage.

Soper and O'Connor, on the wings, tore wide gaps in the Blacktown defence, but when it came to finishing they were the worst offenders, both missing at least two easy chances each of which would have made a lot of difference.

Terry Butler, back from injury, laid the first goal of the match when he flicked the ball to John Bradley from an O'Connor corner kick with Bradley sending a neat header past James.

The agile O'Connor, who was a thorn in the Blacktown defence, raced through to finish the second goal from close range after Bruce James could only parry the ball from a hard cross by Ian Gray.

Blacktown, well known for their second half revival, were forced to start their run early, and a ball from Wheatley to Djordjevic saw the maestro take on the defence and rounding two defenders to beat Woodhouse with a left foot drive.

The second half was an incident packed, hard tackling, whistle blowing affair and the referee even stopped the game for about five minutes after missiles were thrown onto the playing field.

He refused to restart until policemen were inside the fence of the playing area.

Tony Rasmussen cleared off the line right from the kick-off a well placed shot by Soper but Alan Hughes made sure of getting a goal with a solo effort, dribbling past two defenders and the goalkeeper to score in an empty net.

But Blacktown kept coming forward and Brian Turner, making his full-game debut for Blacktown, was heavily brought down and he converted the resulting penalty.

— Charles Spiteri

NEWCASTLE v WEST ADELAIDE 4-2(2-0)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Dando (4)
Reaney (4) **Mason (5)** Drinkwater (4) Tredinnick (4)
Senkalski (3) Sumner (3) **Channon (5)**
Heys (4) Mountford (3) Jones (3)

Smythe (3) Manecas (4) Kowalski (3)
Honeyman (4) Brown (3) McGregor (4)
Topaz (3) Kambas (3) Forde (3) McKie (4)
Crooke (4)

Adelaide Hawks (4-3-3)

Replacements: Storey (82m) for Mountford, Lorenzoni (87m) for Kowalski.
Goals: 1-0 Channon (13m), 2-0 Mountford (29m), 2-1 Manecas (63m), 3-1 Senkalski (70m), 4-1 Senkalski (72m), 4-2 Manecas (78m).
Referee: D. Rennie — **Crowd:** 5,875 — **Cautions:** Topaz.

FLATTERING

The final scoreline told a lie—Newcastle pulverised their opposition in the second half with some brilliant man-to-man ball chicanery with Southampton's darling Mick Channon the master magician.

Yet each side scored two goals apiece in this highly entertaining second period that kept the enthusiastic crowd right on its toes.

No doubt coach Ray Baartz will have a word to say to his players at training this week over the failure to convert easy chances into vital goals.

But he could hardly have given his players an aftermatch "dressing down" after such an effervescent display in which the important outcome was that so many chances were created — that in itself doubles the entertainment value of the side.

Channon set the merry-go-round in motion in the 13th minute moving into a vast open space to take a ball from Steve Sumner and his slanting shot deceived Martyn Crook.

Some 15 minutes later Channon gave a delightful ball across the goals and Graham Hey's effort was deflected for Bob Mountford to head in from close range.

Two minutes later Newcastle had the ball in the net again via Mountford after scintillating movement but a close offside decision nullified the score.

Minutes after the resumption in the second half an indirect freekick right in the heart of the West Adelaide goalmouth created an impressive lineup of visiting players stationed along the goalline.

Roy Drinkwater's effort struck the upright to be cleared by a relieved defence and then Mountford unaccountably missed his kick from fine service by David Jones on the left.

Straight from this sinful miss, West Adelaide scampered downfield for Manecas to score, taking advantage of a cross from Ian McGregor.

Senkalski's second goal was the result of complete unselfishness by David Jones who, though in a possible scoring position, steered the ball to the skilful midfielder.

In the 78th minute a lazy misdirected pass from Senkalski was swooped on and West Adelaide rampaged downfield to catch the home defence offguard with McGregor again placing the ball for Manecas to score a consolation goal.

— Myles Hay

ADELAIDE CITY v OLYMPIC 3-1 (2-0)

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

Przybylski (4)
Russell (3) Jones (4) **Perin (5)** B. Nyskohus (4)
Melta (3) Marocchi (4) **Villani (5)** J. Nyskohus (4)
Mitchell (4) Fashanu (4)

Koussas (3) Cotton (3) Laing (4)
Jennings (3) Katholos (4) Raskopoulos (4)
Scott (3) K. Wilson (4) Rowden (3) Moulis (3)
P. Wilson (4)

Sydney Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacement: Palmer (53m) for Koussas.
Goals: 1-0 Melta (20m), 2-0 Mitchell (36m), 2-1 K. Wilson (53m, pen.), 3-1 Fashanu (62m).
Referee: G. Neal — **Crowd:** 4,200 — **Cautions:** Jones, Moulis, Scott, Raskopoulos, K. Wilson, Cotton.

THUNDEROUS

It was a case of "hail" the conquering hero when Justin Fashánu returned to Kensington for his first home guest game of 1981 admidst a violent hail storm complete with thunder and lightning.

The thunder clapped and so did the crowd as the English Under-23 international lent his energetic talents to the already super-confident Adcity combine.

And "Fabulous Fash" did not disappoint his adoring fans on this wild afternoon, the like of which would normally keep even the most dedicated supporters indoors.

Olympic triumphed 3-1 in Sydney, but Adcity turned the tables in dramatic fashion this time.

The Olympians had first use of the wind, but the Giants grabbed the initial scoring chance when Johnny Perin and David Mitchell combined to find Sergio Melta, but the midfielder grubbed his shot from inside the penalty area.

An even better opportunity then came Olympic's way as an attempted pass-back from Bugsy Nyskohus failed to reach goalkeeper Jack Przybylski and Mark Koussas gathered, but could not control the ball.

At the halfway mark of the half Melta atoned for his earlier miss when he weaved around Andy Scott to slap the ball past Peter Wilson after David Jones had created the opening.

Olympic's attacking doctrine brought several corners before City forced their first flag kic k in the 25th minute and it was almost successful as Fashanu skimmed the crossbar with a towering header.

City's second goal was a gem as Charley Villani set off from the halfway line and completed his solo run with a fine pass to Mitchell who kept in the forefront of the PSL scorers by drawing Peter Wilson before gliding a ground shot home.

Mitchell went close again four minutes after halftime when he crashed a header against the far post, but Olympic were next to score when Ken Wilson converted a penalty after Peter Katholos had been upended in the box by his Socceroo colleague Mitchell

There was dissension of a different kind as Fashanu shoved a rebound into the net following a drive from Gary Marocchi to make it 3-1 and bring appeals of offside from the Olympic players.

— Allan Crisp

PRESTON v HEIDELBERG 0-2(0-0)

Preston (4-3-3)

Kastner (3)
Rainey (3) Petrovski (3) McMillan (4) Beach (3)

Flavell (4) Little (3) Faulkner (3)
Cullen (3) Ollerton (4) Whittle (3)

Paton (4) Cole (3)
Rooney (3) **Yankos (5)** Campbell (4) Selemidis (3)
Tansey (3) Yzendoorn (3) Provan (4) McMillan (4)
Olver (4)

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

Replacement: Stoikos (81m) for Little.
Goals: 0-1 Paton (60m), 0-2 Cole (70m).
Referee: C. Bambridge — **Crowd:** 5,000 — **Cautions:** Campbell, Ollerton, Petrovski.

MENACING

Peter Ollerton will get his first chance to coach from the bench this week against his old club Footscray.

Ollie in his first game as caretaker coach, was booked and has now reached the maximum 12 penalty points which means he will have to sit it out together with Petrovski who also earned a week's rest.

Ollerton followed Brian Edgeley who preempted his sacking by resigning midweek.

The job has reformed the new man in charge.

Normally very abrupt and never keen to talk to the Press, Ollerton turned over a new leaf on Sunday and blabbered away about his plans for the club if he's given a chance for the rest of the season.

He mentioned that he was recommending to the club the signing of two players before the expiry of the transfer deadline.

This may bring the number of players signed this season to six but Ollerton says the previous signings weren't the right ones.

His keenness was also evident on the park where he was the hardest working Preston man and twice went within a whisker of scoring.

The first came late in the first half when he picked up a pass from Cullen but with Yzendoorn closing in he shot wide from a narrow angle.

Midway through the second half he got onto the end of a Beach cross but headed just over the bar.

But even a draw would have been an injustice as Heidelberg were much the better side on the day.

The team played the match to perfection, defending stubbornly in the first half facing a strong wind.

Then, after surviving the opening 45 minutes, Heidelberg were always in the driver's seat and their attack looked menacing every time they went forward.

Midfielder Charlie Yankos made the opening for Jamie Paton pushing the ball into space following a throw in by McMillan with a magic flick on the turn.

Paton was in like a flash to finish the move inside the six-yard box.

Gary Cole scored the next 10 minutes later running onto a through ball from Jim Campbell and crashing the ball past Kastner from the right.

— Peter Desira

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James

Stepping out at the Bankstown—Manly game last Saturday.

CHANCES SLIM

"I think we have to be realistic and admit that our chances of retaining the title this year are pretty slim now," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.

"We aren't throwing in the towel.

"We will not do that until it is mathematically impossible for us to retain the title, but we have to be honest and realise that the gap St.George and Croatia have opened up on us will be very hard to peg back," he said.

Emmanuel said he felt the present Melita side was one of the best that had been in the club's colours for many years.

"Last season's premiership winning team of course was a marvellous team.

"We didn't really think that if we rebuilt we could achieve the same amount of success so soon afterwards, but we know now that the present team is a very strong one," he said.

Emmanuel said that at the start of the year there was a strong feeling within the club that with the departure of Atti Abonyi the club would be under a tremendous handicap.

He also said that there was a feeling within the supporters circles doubting whether Vic Dalgleish could do an equal job to Abonyi.

"However, Vic has proven all his doubters wrong.

"The team plays just as exciting soccer as it did last year and that is what our fans are after, Emmanuel said.

"If we can't win the premiership, which to our minds is the number one tournament, then we would gladly accept the championship grand final as consolation," he added.

Emmanuel said the view of the club — and his own personal view — had always been that the top team in the State was the one that won the league competition, after 26 rounds of hard slogging.

It still wrankles the club that Sydney Olympic, who won the Grand Final last year, and not they, who won the State League premiership, were promoted into the Philips League.

"The Grand Final series has always been regarded by most soccer fans as a gimmick to keep interest in the competition all the way to the end of the season.

"Even if the premiership race is well over when one team pulls clear of the field, there is interest in the competition to see who will fill the other three places.

"However, I feel that we have to re-affirm that the premiers are the ones who win the league, not the knock-out competition at the end."

Emmanuel said it was obvious that a competition which had an element of luck, like the top four series, couldn't really be used to determine the best team.

"That comes out only through consistency — over a whole year," he said.

"Last year we proved we had that consistency, and next year we are hoping to do it again," he added.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Canterbury official Con Tzavellas feels there is still much room for improvement in the structure and organisation of the State League, or more importantly, soccer as a whole in the State.

"I know that I am only one club official, but I have a passion for the game, and I can see things happening in the code that upset me," Con said.

"Personally I don't think the State League is being pushed enough as a form of entertainment.

"I would agree with the views of the Manly official some weeks ago in the 'State Report' who said that there was plenty of entertainment available at State League games.

"People say that club officials are just biased when they talk about the game, and give too much praise to ordinary performances of their teams.

"But I say that I am a harsh critic of our team when it doesn't play well, and I will praise it when it plays good soccer, even if it doesn't win."

Con said he felt there was too much feeling in the State League that there was no point trying to compete against the Philips League for crowds.

"This is a ridiculous thing. There is a very strong market for the State League clubs, as we have found out many times this year," he said.

"Croatia has attracted crowds over 6,000 and 7,000, while the same can be said to a lesser extent for Melita and St.George.

"People will always go to see value for money."

Con said the State Federation should organise more ways of publicising the game.

"The situation at present sees a few ads appear in the daily newspapers on Friday and Saturday, but apart from that there is hardly any mention of the State League," he said.

"We have to aim at the market that wants soccer, not at the market which is indifferent to the sport.

"There are many migrant groups that could be further mobilised to go and see soccer games.

"Some of those groups don't have teams in the State League, but like the South Americans, they have a passion for football.

"The South American teams in the lower divisions get unbelievable crowds: most of the State League clubs would be glad of their attendance figures.

"With an interesting mix of clubs we could attract good sized crowds and create an interest in the State League once again," he said.

"And then we would have something to show off and publicise to draw in 'neutral' soccer fans," he added.

S'eagles irked

It would not be an understatement to say that Manly officials are a little unhappy with the position of their team on the competition table at 17 rounds of the State League.

Not that they are critical of the team or the coach.

Mick Jones and the players have the full backing of the club, but it still irks the officials that this Manly team, which is undoubtedly the most solid for many years, is still unable to make any headway in the competition.

Long time Manly clubman and former president George Dick said last week the side was the most balanced they had had for a while.

"We feel that we have a good blend of local lads and overseas experience," he said.

"The Faulkner brothers, Keith and Peter have provided stability, while the rest of the team has matured after a battle hardened season last year.

"We have played extremely well in some matches this year.

"The 4-0 win against Canterbury was an outstanding example, and we have forced other top teams to struggle," George said.

"We have been tremendously unlucky with injuries to key players and we also had a run of bad luck in matches, conceding goals in the last minutes," he said.

"The classic case in our injuries in that of our goalkeepers: we lost Chris Cassetari through injury last year, then we lost Mark Dower, then Chris got injured again.

"It's been like a nightmare," he said.

George said the club was determined to pull away from the relegation zone.

With 10 points the side is still perilously close to Bankstown's tally of seven, and they know only too well how quickly that gap could be narrowed.

"We have started negotiations with a Sydney Philips League club to bring at least one player to the club for the rest of the year," George said.

"We are very hopeful that he will be playing for us this weekend.

"Croatia will be tough opponents and we want as strong a side as possible on the field to face them.

"In the first round we were down two goals, then pulled back to be level with only a short time to go when Croatia scored again to grab a win that was a sickening blow for us," George said.

"We need points, and we are racing to get the transfer completed by Friday," he said.

Bankstown's Greg Isoardi challenges Manly's Stuart Riley for the ball in their Saturday clash at the Bankstown Sports Centre.

AGE NO BARRIER

"Absolutely appalled" was the reaction of Auburn secretary Fred Parker when asked what he thought of the Federation's decision to scrap the State Under-16 team.

Like many club officials, Fred fears the consequences of the action on the development of young players in the state.

"In the year when we are about to stage the national youth world championships it is a joke that we have called off the national Under-16 championships because the States can't get enough money together," Fred said.

Fred said the representatives sides were the start of the process for developing our talented youngsters.

"I've always believed that there shouldn't be artificial age barriers in the sport," Fred said.

"If a youngster is a good player, no matter if he is 16 or 17, then I think he should be rewarded with promotion through the grades.

"If he is good enough to play first team soccer, he should be given the chance.

"Too many clubs still think in terms of age rather than ability: "If he is young we can't risk him", seems to be the general feelings," Fred said.

"Emphasis must be on ability rather than age."

Fred said that although the Auburn club realised its position at the bottom of the table was a perilous one, there was no panic in the club.

"We are extremely confident that things will work out for us and we will avoid relegation.

"We've had a really rough trot with injuries over the past four weeks," he said.

"Players like Bertram, Daley and Leak have been sidelined and any team would feel their absence.

"But with their return to the team and with a general improvement in the injury situation throughout all three grades, we should be able to pull away," Fred added.

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

In the last weeks if I've been asked once I've been asked a thousand times what's happened at Marconi?

If I or anybody else could answer that we probably wouldn't be in the position we are in today.

Last week's results ensure that our challenge for this year's title is virtually over so where do we go from here?

The Cup is still up for grabs which we will now make an all-out effort to retain but as far as the championship is concerned, we will have to play three of the teams in contention for the title.

At this stage, all we can do is be a nuisance to all of them.

Starting with Sydney City this week, I am hopeful a marked improvement will come about.

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The main contributing factor to our form this year has been the loss through injury, transfer and retirement of class midfield players.

Ken Lindsay, Jimmy Cant, Peter Raskopoulos and Roberto Vieri have all left the club for one reason or another and now we find that with a couple of injuries we are a little light in this department.

In the youth team we have some excellent talent coming through under the guidance of Luciano Nesti but it would be very unfair to promote them while the team is performing so poorly.

Young players need to be encouraged and it is very difficult to do that when you are struggling to put it all together.

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Taking into account our position on the competition table and the fact that we aren't playing well it seems that Leichhardt Strikers are still a little afraid to play against us.

Our boss Tony Labbozzetta told Leichhardt officials that Marconi would play them in the postponed match any time, any place.

He even offered the use of Marconi Stadium rent-free for this deferred match but they declined the offer preferring to hire St.George Stadium for the match.

Now we have the same situation with the Cup quarterfinal against Leichhardt.

It's a Leichhardt home game set down as a midweek fixture and again they declined Labbozzetta's offer of our ground.

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Quote of the week came at the Marconi bar after last Wednesday's game against Newcastle when Ray Baartz said:

"This coaching is a piece of cake."

He will learn.

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FROM LAST WEEK

FOOTSCRAY v WOLLONGONG 1-1 (0-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)

Boland (4)
Milne (5) Kondarios (4) Kyriakouleas (4) Ilioski (3)
Jovanovic (3) Licanin (4) Belic (4)
Lujic (4) Verweij (4) Cozzella (3)

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McBreen (4) Campbell (4)
Fleming (3) Adam (4) Lathan (4) Tredinnick (3)
Ainsworth (4) Bertogna (5) Dunleavy (4) Willis (3)
Preston (4)

Wollongong (4-4-2)

Replacement: Kakantonis (82m) for Cozzella.
Goals: 1-0 Verweij (78m), 1-1 Adam (pen. 87m).
Referee: B. Kerr — **Crowd:** 2,000.

Referee Bob Kerr took centre stage in a match where Footscray shed its defensive image and put on its best attacking performance of the season.

The South Australian referee needed a police escort to leave the ground after awarding a controversial penalty decision to Wollongong three minutes from time to deny Footscray a much deserved win.

Even with the escort, Kerr was jostled by the irate supporters as he was quickly bundled the short distance from the dressing rooms through the players' cage into the police car.

Earlier Kerr had provided some comic relief by finding it hard to keep his feet on the waterlogged Schintler Reserve following the heavy overnight rain.

Kerr only had rubber sole shoes and ended on his rear on two occasions as well as falling over a player who was doing up his laces.

Kerr's penalty decision was for a ball which rebounded off substitute Steve Kakantonis' arm from a shot by Clive Campbell.

The players all claimed it was the shoulder rather than the arm and that in any case Kakantonis wouldn't have been able to get out of the way but the referee had no hesitation pointing to the spot.

While the supporters jeered and abused the man in black Lee Adam coolly stepped up and made no mistake with his spotkick to earn Wollongong a 1-1 scoreline and keep up its average of a draw every other game.

In this game Footscray did enough to deserve a victory and only resolute defence and good goalkeeping kept it from recording its biggest win of the season.

The Eagles had four shots cleared off the line while on two other occasions Johan Verweij and Vlatko Belic will still be wondering how they missed scoring opportunities.

Verweij scored Footscray's goal in the 78th minute latching on to the ball at the far post after it had been headed on from Zoki Ilioski's corner kick to slip it home among a mass of legs and bodies.

The former NZ international was secured on loan till the end of the season in almost total secredy on the Saturday night and just as surprisingly played in the forward line rather than his normal role of midfield which he had occupied in his 16-month stint at Brisbane Lions.

But the ploy paid off for he gave Arno Bergtogna a busy afternoon and his lanky frame has given the Footscray team something to aim at when they pump balls into the penalty area.

Footscray's previous forwards this season have been Paul Simic and Bruno Cozzella both of whom are around 5ft. 6in. and almost always dwarfed by opponents.

— Paul Gales

HEIDELBERG v SOUTH MELBOURNE 0-0

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

Olver (5)
McMillan (4) Yzendoorn (4) Provan (4) Tansey (4)
Yankos (4) Campbell (5) Rooney (4)
Selemidis (4) Cole (4) Paton (4)

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Buljevic (3) Wooddin (4) Evans (4)
G. Campbell (5) Shirra (4) Stevenson (4)
Davidson (4) Rogers (4) Blair (4) V. Bannon (4)
Laumets (4)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cummings (71m) for Buljevic, Monagle (81m) for Rooney.
Referee: P. Rampley — **Crowd:** 13,000 — **Cautions:** Jim Campbell, Provan.

The turf at Olympic Park had taken a steady downpour of rain but the hefty crowd pouring through the turnstiles were looking forward to the coming contest, even in the heavy going.

It was Heidelberg who dictated the early tactics, with Paton just failing to score in the eighth minute.

A Stevenson 50-metre freekick after 15 minutes was very well held by Jeff Olver.

Heidelberg still seemed to be dictating play and holding off anything that South Melbourne could plan, when the unfortunate happened — McMillan accidentally handled the ball in the box, with 24 minutes gone.

The Davidson penalty kick was a weak effort and Olver saved comfortably.

South mounted some moves through George Campbell, who was proving to be very much at home in the heavy conditions, and his 30 minute shot which skimmed the bar proved his accuracy.

Wooddin showed several samples of his wares, the best of which produced a great left wing cross to an Evans header, which Olver plucked cleverly as it headed goalwards.

South were now containing the Heidelberg machine, and were initiating their own skills, with another George Campbell drive bringing out the best in Olver.

The second half had just begun when Provan crashed a 40-metre drive to the crossbar, which could have been the match winner.

Evans had been surprisingly quiet in the first half, and with 62 minutes gone he went on a solo run which could have produced a result.

Yankos picked up a loose ball right out of the blue at the 65th minute, which Laumets saved well.

Yzendoorn, who had been having an excellent game, blundered when challenged by Wooddin, and South seemed dangerous from the left until a Yankos clearance set Selemidis up the right wing.

With only ten minutes to go, both Cole and Selemidis had chances, and both failed miserably.

The heavy going seemed to suit Wooddin perfectly, and he was Heidelberg's greatest danger during the final minutes of play.

— Jock Stephen

MIDWEEK GAME

MARCONI v NEWCASTLE 1-2 (0-1)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Maher (3)
Brogan (2) Muir (3) Calderon (2) Degney (2)
Housseini (2) Henderson (4) Byrne (4)
Sharne (3) Mariani (2) Jankovics (3)

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Heys (4) Channon (5) Mountford (3)
Senkalski (3) Mason (3) Sumner (3)
H. Tredinnick (3) Drinkwater (4) Sneddon (3) Reaney (3)
Dando (3)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacements: Jones for Sneddon.
Goals: 0-1 Heys (16m), 1-1 Byrne (79m; pen.), 1-2 Senkalski (80m).
Referee: R. Lorenc — **Crowd:** 2,500 — **Caution:** H. Tredinnick.

Despite drastic team changes — Prskalo, Picioane and Krncevic dropped — Marconi continued its downhill slalom against an organised Newcastle in this match postponed from an earlier round.

Newcastle could have gone ahead in the very first minute when Mick Channon's through ball let Mountford walk past the defence but his shot was charged down.

Then, in the 16th minute, came the first blow to Marconi.

Graham Heys sped off on the wing and his cross was flick-headed home by Mountford.

Barely two minutes later Senkalski missed close to the goal as his shot slipped wide of Maher's post.

The match see-sawed from end to end and both teams had further chances.

In the 21st minute Degney's cross beat Dando but Reaney was on the spot to clear off the line.

Soon after Channon sent Sumner off with a great pass and his shot was saved by Maher.

Marconi managed to equalise in the 79th minute.

Mariani broke through in the middle and the pursuing Mountford brought him down in the box.

Gary Byrne, with his usual calm and aplomb, converted the penalty.

But Marconi's joy was short-lived. A minute later Channon shook off his marker and sent in a perfect cross from the right.

The ball came to Housseini who let it slip through between his feet and Senkalski's weak shot rolled into the corner for the winner.

Although Marconi showed more pluck than two days earlier against Adelaide City, the team still lacked cohesion and fluency.

As for Newcastle, Channon's presence probably meant the difference between winning and perhaps only drawing a match.

— Paul James

The two match reports at the top missed our issue last week because of the telecommunications strike. For the sake of a complete record of the PSL, we publish these reports now. The Marconi v Newcastle match was played midweek, last week.

LETTERS

After finishing a game of soccer on Sunday I'm compelled to write about the crowd behavior my team, myself and the referee were subjected too.

After playing soccer for 17 years it gives you some authority to speak on these subjects.

About 90 percent of spectator disturbances are caused by ethnic supporters, who intimidate the referee to a stage where he leans towards the militant team, for the sake of his safety.

If an incident occurs on the field and the supporters run on it is immediately obvious from which club they come.

The referee should immediately abandon the game and award the points to the non-offending club.

You find that the offending clubs are involved in riots on numerous occasions during the football year.

When is the Federation going to act?

Firstly, the club should be fined at least $2,000.

Secondly, they should lose their points from the competition.

If they are a sponsored team their sponsor should be informed of their behaviour.

And the local council should be informed of the way their lessees behave.

The Federation doesn't take any action because these teams have the greater crowds and more authority where it counts.

If soccer is to continue in this country don't blame Rudi Gutendorf on the Australian side, blame your crowd riots on district parks or the continuous foul play when ethnic teams are losing.

Blame the abuse and physical attacks on referees and linesmen.

If any player commits an offence it is up to the referee to decide on his future not these vigilant crowds.

Being a captain I am issuing this ultimatum to the Federation.

The next time any spectators invade the playing field I will call my team from the pitch.

If I am attacked by any spectator, I will take them to court and if they are from a club that has a history of violence I will take the Federation to court for not providing protection for their members.

The Federation now have the ball at their feet, let's see some shots and action and not just dribbling off at the mouth.

You have a responsibility to all divisions and grades not just your top stars.

R. McMillan
Auburn, NSW

SCOREBOARD

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	15	2	—	47	12	32 33
St.George	15	1	—	64	8	31 32
Melita	12	2	3	42	13	26 28
Sutherlnd	8	3	5	22	16	19 19
Polonia	8	2	6	19	22	18 19
Monaro	7	3	7	27	33	17 18
Canterbry	5	5	7	26	33	15 16
Riverwd.	6	2	7	18	29	14 16
N.Sydney	4	4	9	20	31	12 13
Manly	4	2	10	18	27	10 11
Avala	4	2	10	19	38	10 10
P'matta	4	1	12	14	38	9 10
Auburn	4	—	11	10	27	8 9
Bankst.	3	1	12	16	36	7 8

GRADE 2

Croatia	11	4	1	30	11	26
St.George	9	6	2	45	13	24 26
Melita	9	5	3	30	12	23 25
Canterbry	10	3	4	31	15	23 24
Riverwd.	9	3	3	22	13	21 22
Sutherlnd	8	4	5	27	18	20 20
Manly	6	5	5	30	20	17
N.Sydney	6	4	7	19	30	16
Bankst.	5	3	8	18	25	13
P'matta	3	5	8	13	35	11 12
Auburn	4	3	8	16	29	11
Monaro	2	5	10	12	31	9
Avala	2	4	10	11	32	8
Polonia	2	2	12	8	28	6 6

GRADE 3

Bankst.	11	2	2	42	19	24
Auburn	9	1	4	33	10	19
Riverwd.	7	5	2	28	16	19 24
Manly	8	3	3	33	22	19
Sutherlnd.	9	1	3	24	13	19 19
Canterbry	7	4	5	34	26	18 20
Melita	5	5	6	27	24	15 17
St.George	7	—	7	24	20	14 14
Polonia	5	4	6	20	19	14 14
Croatia	4	4	6	23	38	12
N.Sydney	2	2	10	14	36	6
P'matta	2	2	11	11	39	6 6
Avala	1	1	12	13	44	3 3

DIVISION 1
GRADE 1

Kuringai	12	3	2	33	9	27
Blacktwn.	11	3	3	32	10	25
Woll.Utd.	10	4	3	38	12	24
Fry.Mdw.	10	4	3	36	16	24
Yugal	9	5	2	33	19	23
Bathurst	7	3	7	18	25	17
Penrith	5	6	5	19	25	16
Warringah	4	6	7	29	34	14
N.Bankst.	4	5	8	20	29	13
Guildford	4	3	11	15	32	11
Uni NSW	4	3	9	21	40	11
Gladesv.	3	4	9	13	22	10
Belmore	2	6	8	12	32	10
Revesby	2	3	11	21	37	7

GRADE 2

Fry Mdw.	11	4	2	42	12	26
Kuringai	9	6	2	31	14	24
Blacktwn.	9	4	4	25	12	22
Revesby	8	4	4	30	15	20
Guildford	8	3	6	29	28	19
Penrith	8	2	6	21	19	18
Woll.Utd.	8	2	8	30	30	18
Gladesv.	6	5	4	19	14	17
Yugal	7	3	6	24	22	17
Belmore	5	6	5	17	18	16
N.Bankst.	6	3	7	24	30	15
Warringah	2	4	11	17	33	8
Uni NSW	3	2	11	19	40	8
Bathurst	—	2	15	5	53	2

GRADE 3

Kuringai	15	1	1	81	13	31
Gladesv.	10	4	1	35	15	24
Fry.Mdw.	11	2	4	36	18	24
Guildfrd.	9	5	3	33	27	23
Woll.Utd.	9	3	5	36	25	21
Belmore	8	3	5	33	24	19
Blacktwn.	7	3	6	23	27	17
Penrith	4	7	4	14	22	15
Bathurst	6	1	10	30	24	13
Revesby	4	2	10	27	29	10
N.Bankst.	3	4	9	11	25	10
Warringah	2	3	11	13	59	7
Yugal	3	—	12	24	55	6
Uni NSW	—	6	10	8	53	6

DIVISION 2
GRADE 1

Baulk.Hl.s	8	2	1	25	10	18
Mt.Druitt	8	1	3	23	10	17
M'ville	6	4	2	23	15	16
Dee Why	6	3	1	21	7	15
C'belltwn	7	1	4	27	17	15
N.Ryde	6	—	6	15	17	12
Bonnyrigg	4	2	6	17	23	10
Lane Cove	2	4	5	11	17	8
Queens P.	3	2	7	14	22	8
Riverstn.	3	1	5	10	17	7
L'pool Alb	1	3	8	12	23	5
Glad/Horn	2	1	8	11	31	5

GRADE 2

Mt.Druitt	7	3	2	30	16	17
N.Ryde	6	5	1	27	14	17
Liv.Alb.	5	4	3	15	12	14
Bonnyrigg	4	4	4	17	13	12
Cam'twon	5	2	5	21	21	12
Baulk.Hls	4	3	4	13	9	11
Queens P.	4	2	6	15	21	10
Lane Cove	5	—	6	13	25	10
Dee Why	4	1	5	10	10	9
Marrickvl.	3	2	7	16	21	8
Riverstn.	2	4	3	13	20	8
Glad/Horn	2	4	5	13	21	8

GRADE 3

Marrickvl.	9	2	1	31	7	20
Liv.Alb.	9	1	2	29	11	19
Cam'town	8	3	1	26	9	19
Baulk.Hl.	8	1	2	36	6	17
Glad/Horn	8	—	3	38	9	16
Mt.Druitt	6	3	3	33	22	15
Queens P	5	—	7	21	34	10
Bonnyrigg	4	1	7	15	29	9
N.Ryde	3	1	8	20	37	7
Lane Cove	1	1	9	7	28	3
Dee Why	—	1	9	8	43	1
Riverstn.	—	—	9	5	35	—

DIVISION 3
GRADE 1

Kingsford	6	5	—	27	12	17
Artarmon	6	4	1	32	7	16
Wenty	5	4	2	28	15	14
Hurstville	6	1	3	14	17	13
Bondi	4	4	4	21	22	12
East.Crk.	5	2	4	14	16	12
Padstow	4	2	5	17	14	10
Fairfld.K.	4	1	7	21	23	9
Paddingtn	3	3	6	13	21	9
W.Ryde	3	3	5	14	23	9
Syd.Uni.	2	2	6	8	18	6
Port Hack.	2	1	7	10	31	5

GRADE 2

Bondi	8	2	2	32	13	18
East.Crk.	8	1	2	28	13	17
Fairfld.K.	7	3	2	31	19	17
Padstow	7	1	3	31	19	15
Kingsford	4	3	4	22	21	11
Artarmon	4	2	5	27	24	10
Paddingtn	3	4	5	18	21	10
Syd.Uni	3	3	4	16	18	9
Hurstville	3	3	4	14	18	9
Wenty	2	5	4	17	22	9
W.Ryde	2	2	7	13	23	6
Port Hack.	—	1	9	8	46	1

DIVISION 4
GRADE 1

Condord.	9	1	2	25	12	19
Canley H.	7	2	2	30	25	16
Chelsea	6	2	4	25	20	14
N.Rocks	7	—	5	21	14	14
W.Holryd.	5	2	3	26	19	12
Winst.H.	4	4	3	25	19	12
Fairfld.W.	4	2	5	19	18	10
W.St.Geo.	4	2	4	23	24	10
Revesby	3	4	4	15	17	10
Eastwood	3	2	7	14	26	8
Maroubra	2	2	8	20	32	6
Ryde Dist.	2	1	9	13	30	5

GRADE 2

W.St.Geo.	9	—	1	28	11	18
Canley Ht.	7	3	1	20	9	17
Fairfld.W.	6	4	1	22	10	16
Winst.Hl.	7	1	3	29	16	15
Concordia	5	4	3	17	15	14
N.Rocks	3	6	3	9	10	12
Chelsea	5	2	5	24	27	12
Eastwood	4	3	5	20	16	11
Maroubra	2	3	7	14	26	7
W.Holryd	1	3	6	4	16	5
Ryde Dist.	1	3	8	13	30	5
Revesby	1	2	8	5	19	4

DIVISION 5
GRADE 1

Edensor P	9	3	—	39	10	21
Moorebnk	7	6	—	32	14	20
Glenqu.	7	3	2	38	20	17
Maccabi	7	2	4	19	14	16
Pagewd.	5	2	5	20	26	12
Green Val.	5	1	6	18	24	11
Haberfld.	3	4	5	22	34	10
Mac.Uni	3	3	6	26	31	9
Camden	1	6	4	15	18	8
Auburn J.	2	4	5	12	17	8
Hawkesbr	2	2	7	20	29	6
Chullora	2	2	7	14	25	6

GRADE 2

Moorebnk	11	1	1	45	10	23
Glenqu.	10	1	1	42	12	21
Maccabi	10	—	3	18	20	
Edensor	5	4	3	18	16	14
Auburn J.	4	4	3	15	14	12
Macquar.	5	2	5	23	25	12
Camden	4	2	5	22	24	10
Haberfld.	3	3	6	18	21	9
Pagewd.	1	6	5	12	17	8
Green Val.	2	2	8	13	31	6
Hawkesbr	3	—	8	12	39	6
Chullora	—	2	8	12	34	3

DIVISION 6
GRADE 1

Liv.City	9	1	2	44	13	19
Robins	8	3	—	36	11	19
Bl.Wands.	8	2	2	28	10	18
T'dinas	7	3	2	31	15	17
Colo Colo	5	3	3	17	12	13
Liv.Utd.	5	1	5	23	26	11
Bankst.Sp	3	3	6	30	34	9
Rang.Haj.	4	1	7	17	35	9
S.Syd.	3	2	7	13	29	8
Liv.Rang.	2	2	7	12	25	6
Bl.Work.	1	3	8	15	26	5
P'mta Utd	—	4	8	10	40	4

GRADE 2

Colo Colo	8	3	—	48	11	19
Liv.City	8	2	2	35	9	18
T'dinas	7	4	—	33	12	18
Robins	6	2	3	31	12	14
Bl.Work.	6	1	5	19	20	13
S.Sydney	5	3	4	18	23	13
Bl.Wand.	4	4	4	23	19	12
Liv.Utd.	4	4	3	21	20	12
Rang.Haj.	4	2	6	23	24	10
Liv.Rang.	2	1	8	20	22	5
P'mta Utd.	2	—	10	6	60	4
Banks.Sp.	1	—	10	8	43	2

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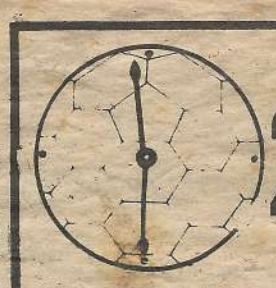
Bondi (3rd div.) had a 1-1 draw playing at Waverley Oval against Fairfield Kiev. Both goals came in the first half and both were scored by the visiting team. In the 15th minute a defence back pass to the goalie was too wide to reach and the ball went into the net to give the lead to Bondi. 15 minutes later a good corner kick for Kiev resulted in a header for an equaliser. Bondi's second grade retained the lead with a 4-1 win.



2 TO 6

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Blacktown Workers (6th div.) drew 2-2 with Liverpool Rangers. At the 20th minute mark, Workers went to the lead with a header from Rob McGregor. Rangers levelled the score 10 minutes later with a penalty. In the second half conditions worsened with the rain though it did not dampen the spirit on the field. In the 80th minute Rangers scored again from a breakaway and looked like holding out. Three minutes from time, a freekick from Tino Rossi floated into the Rangers penalty area and beating the defence and drawing the 'keeper out, Workers striker John Paul nodded it home for the equaliser. Second grade saw Workers win 2-0 with both goals well taken by Chuck McGregor.

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Mt. Druitt Town (2nd Div.) reversed their defeat of two weeks ago at the hands of Queens Park when last Saturday took two points from them with a 5-0 win. Town went to an early 2-0 lead with goals by Neil Manning. They continued to dominate and with a good build up from the defence. John Kelly scored in the 35th minute for a halftime score of 3-0. Mt.Druitt went on to increase their lead with a further two goals by John Kelly. In second grade, Mt. Druitt maintained their joint lead with Nth. Ryde with a 2-0 win, goals by Dave Boland and Brian Wilson. The third grade team continued to show good form with a 4-0 win, goals from Tony Silinovich (2), Steven Brady and Beaver Mulligan.

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Liverpool City (6th div.) against Bankstown Sports in midweek, registered a first grade 8-0 win and a second grade 4-0 win. On Sunday, against Sth. Sydney District City notched another win to place themselves equal leaders with Robins. City's George Schymko was first to score midway through the first half and Atti Abonyi scored twice in the second half for the 3-0 victory.

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Baulkham Hills (2nd div.) entered the second half of the competition equal leaders with Marrickville, with a game in hand. This is particularly rewarding for coach, George McCulloch who has blended a very young side together into a formidable team. On Saturday against Lane Cove the Hills side began brightly and scored after only 10 minutes of play with a spectacular goal by Tony Kinsey. Tony perfectly turned on a cross from a corner to hammer the ball into the net on the volley. In the second half the Hills defence was kept under constant pressure, but they were able to hold the visitors out to win 1-0. John Gough had an outstanding game and was man of the match. The Hills second grade returned to the winning list with a sound 2-0 win, Bob Kerry scoring both goals. The third grade side continued their winning run by defeating Lane Cove 4-0, scorers being Anthony Dyer (2), Neil Parker and Peter Zann.

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Robins (6th div.) before some 300 spectators played Colo Colo at home. The crowd had to wait until the 43rd minute for the first goal when, for the home side, Brett Mitchell scored with a header. Eleven minutes after the break saw Robins score again through defender Mark Stanton. Colo Colo pressured the Robins defence but missed several opportunities and saw Robins Stewart Tebbutt score in the 77th minute. Darryl Smith and Mark Jackson scored for Robins and George Castro for Colo Colo for a halftime score of 2-1. Colo Colo pressured the Robins defence but 'keeper Terry Saunders pulled off some spectacular saves. A penalty late by Rick Soto saw the points shared.

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Edensor Park King Tomislav (5th div.) played Auburn Jun. for a 6-0 win. The first half was more evenly contested but goals by Danny Dokoval and Ian Rendulic put Edensor 2-0 in the lead at halftime. Further goals by I. Rendulic, P. Jancek, Joe Gajtan and Alan Muratovic in the second half account for the result.

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Liverpool Albions (2nd div.) were defeated 2-0 by Campbelltown City in a game that was closer than the score indicates. In the 30th minute City were awarded a freekick, the ball floated into the penalty spot and indecision in the Liverpool back four allowed City to score their first goal. In the second half Liverpool began confidently and looked like equalising but after 15 minutes, Bob Ashley was sent from the field and any hope Liverpool had disappeared. With 10 minutes remaining Mick Durrington made a break for City and after a goalmouth scramble they scored to put the issue beyond doubt. Outstanding for Liverpool were Phil Tarrant and Steve Bowers. Second grade saw City score the only goal of the match midway through the second half and in third grade Albions inflicted Campbelltown's first defeat of the season with an impressive 3-0 result, scorers being Wayne Farnsworth (2) and Craig Hold.

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Paddington Spanish (3rd div.) managed to get only one point in a 1-1 drawn game played against West Ryde Rovers in a water drenched field at Moore Park. Both sides showed improvement and the determination to win very much needed points. A through ball sent by Bill Allen finished with Derek Drayton who successfully passed two Spanish defenders before shooting from a narrow angle to grab the lead for the Rovers. Just before halftime Paddington equalised with a similar through ball that helped Daniel Bonales to score. There were no goals in the second half and a draw seemed a fair result. West Ryde Rovers has a tough task next weekend playing a double header against Bondi and Artarmon, both games are to be played at L.H.Waud Reserve.

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Concordia (4th div.) enjoyed a stroke of luck last weekend when defeating Revesby Rovers 0-2. The division leaders scored two goals near the end of the game both coming inside a minute. The goals were gifts from Revesby, the first being an own goal and the second a penalty kick. Ronald Michelin went on to score for Concordia but the ball was obstructed by a defender who managed to deflect the ball into his own net. The penalty shot was converted by Steven Walsh with North Rocks and West Holroyd dropping points, the margin in Concordia's leadership has marginally increased.

The Blacktown Workers Club has this year achieved 6th Division Federation status and is beginning to realise its aims — to foster and develop the code of soccer in the Blacktown District.

The Club was originally formed in July 1968 by a small group of interested people who were truly "Workers" in every sense of the word, and in the following year fielded six junior teamd in the local Nepean District Competition.

Timese have rung in many changes since then and today the Club has in excess of 250 registered players on its books, there being no distinction or division between junior and senior players.

Over the years, players have left the Workers to join clubs such as Blacktown City, Marconi, Auburn and Polonia to further their soccer careers, but the Blacktown Workers Club proudly watch their progress.

The Club's home ground is within the magnificent 44½ acre H.E. Laybutt Sporting Complex on Reservoir Road, Blacktown, which is proudly shared with all outdoor sporting clubs of the Blacktown Workers Club Limited, catering for sports such as rugby league, bowls, cricket, baseball and tennis.

Blacktown Workers (6th div.), from left: G. Purse (manager), N. Seaford, R. Bearman, M. Rodger, A. Dixon, R. Westerberg, I. Main (coach). Front: K. Harper, R. Stalenberg, A. Morrison, G. Dyer, T. Rossi, P. Dunn (captain), M. McGregor.

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS SOCCER LEAGUE

All games at 3pm, unless otherwise stated. The letters and numbers after the venues are Gregory Road Map references.

THIS WEEK

St.George v Auburn, Wed.,7.30pm St.George Stad.
Manly v Croatia, Sun., Cromer 79 G/10
Riverwood v Avala,Sat., Hurstville 35 B/5
Sutherland v Melita,Sun.,Seymour Shaw 93 H/14
Nth.Syd. v Bankst.City.,Sun.,Nth.Syd. 59 J/15
Auburn v Inter Monaro,Sun..Mona Park 47J/15
Polonia v St.George, Sat., Chopin Prk.115H/4
Cant.M'vll.v P'matta,Sat., Arlington 27 K/13

DIVISION ONE

Belmore v Bathurst, Sat.,Blick Oval 27 F/14
Nth.Banks. v Reves.Work.,Sun., Potts Prk.50H/15
W'gong Utd.v Fry.Mdw.,Sun.,Berkeley Sports
Kuringai v Bl'twn Utd.,Sat.,Parklands 110F/7
Warringah v SSC Yugal,Sun.,Narrabeen Fitness
Penrith Utd. v G'frd Cnty.Sun.,Cook Prk.114D/12
Gl'vlle Ravens v Uni NSW,Sun.,Peel Prk.40K/4

NEXT WEEK

Croatia v N.S.Int.,Sun., King Tomislav Prk. 99
Riverwood v Manly Warr.,Sat.,Garside Prk.47G/9
Melita v Avala, Sun.,Everley Prk. 49H/9
Parramatta v Sutherland,Sun.,Garside Prk.47G/9
Bankstown v Auburn,Sun., Soccer Centre 54J/12
Int.Monaro v Polonia,Sun.,Marco Polo Oval
St.George v Cant.M'vlle.,Sun., St.Geo.Stad.34H/14

DIVISION ONE

Bathurst v Kuringai, Sun., 2 B.O.D.
Revesby Work. v Belmore,Sun.,Milperra 55F/3
Fry.Mdw. v Nth.Bankst.,Sat.,Police Boys Gr.W'gng
W'gong v Uni NSW, Sun.,Crehan Park, W'gong
Blacktown v SSC Yugal,Sun.,Francis Prk.117G/7
Warringah v Penrith, Sat., Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Guildford v Gladesvl.Rav.,Sun.,G'ford Prk.52J/2

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EAGLES SEE PRIZE GO

Melita officials quietly conceded last week what they had feared for some time: they have little chance of retaining their title they fought so hard to win last year.

Their draw against Parrmatta saw a five-point gap open up between them and Croatia and St.George, and although mathematically the title is still there for the taking, logic suggests it has finally slipped away.

The State League had developed into the two-horse race the tipsters were predicting months ago, with Croatia and St.George unable to shake off each other.

Interest in the League will be far from over, however, as there are still the third and fourth positions to be filled for the end of season tournament.

At this stage Melita, Sutherland, Polonia, Monaro, Canterbury and even Riverwood all have a chance.

Two games this weekend will be of vital importance to the make-up of the final four, and even the championship.

St.George travels to Chopin Park for what must be the game of the round against Polonia.

Polonia have won their last three matches without conceding a goal and have been galloping hard to catch Sutherland.

The Saints have found the goals when they count, and occasionally let go in a flourish of mayhem, but those 'cricket scores' are less regular nowadays.

The strike force is watched much more closely and the midfield is not given as much time, so the fact that Saints are still winning shows the class of the side.

We don't expect a repeat of their first round clash when the Saints whipped Polonia — a result that still wrankles the Polonia supporters.

However, we don't think Polonia is the side to beat the Saints and we tip a 2-1 win to St.George.

The other match with great bearing on the table is the encounter between Sutherland and Melita.

Sutherland went down narrowly to the Saints in their postponed match last Wednesday and will be grateful for the rest last Sunday — even if it does mean another mid-week encounter later on.

A win here for Sutherland would give them a sound position from which to beat off the challengers for the fourth spot.

Parramatta showed that a well organised defence can hold Melita.

Sutherland have a good defensive record, but their strike force itself will come up against one of the best defences in the league.

We tip a scoreless draw as the likely result here.

Croatia takes on Manly at Cromer in a match that has importance for both sides, as one strives for the top and the other fights to get away from the bottom.

Manly has a strong side, but we feel Croatia's class and greater teamwork will see them through.

We tip a 2-1 win to Croatia.

Riverwood and Avala's meeting sees the confrontation on the coaches bench between two former club and international teammates, Atti Abonyi and Doug Utjesenovic.

Their many years together at St.George and in the Socceroos are certain to be put aside while their teams fight it out in another vitally important match.

Avala are slipping down the ladder, and need points to move out of trouble: Riverwood also need points, but to move back into top four calculations.

We tip a Riverwood win, but only just, 1-0.

The nuggety North Sydney, who have given many teams a fright this year, take on the struggling Bankstown, for whom little is going right.

If Norths keep their heads they can win this, but will have to be careful against a Bankstown team that is renowned for hitting back when seemingly KO'd.

We tip a draw, 1-1.

Canterbury's loss to Polonia last week has put a serious damper on their top four prospects, and they will have to win this week against Parramatta to improve their situation.

That is easier said than done, of course, as Melita found out.

Parramatta, led by their shrewd coach Bob Wall, have not given up the fight for survival and will be dangerous opponents this week.

We predict another draw, 1-1.

Auburn's position at the bottom is far from hopeless but to get out of it they must start winning matches.

Their home game this week against Monaro will be a hard encounter, especially if Heywood is once again fit for the green and blacks.

We tip a Monaro win 2-0.

CROATIA KEEP WINNING

Parramatta put on a sterling defensive performance to snatch a valuable point from last year's premiers Melita.

The 0-0 scoreline, however, doesn't reflect the brilliant football played by Melita, but as their president Emmanuel Said commented later: "We played great stuff, but Parramatta must be given credit as they played brilliantly in defence."

Croatia continued on their winning way, defeating Avala 3-1 while in other matches, Polonia beat Canterbury 1-0 and Monaro and North Sydney drew 1-1 in Queanbeyan.

The St.George—Auburn and Riverwood—Sutherland fixtures were postponed due to overnight rain, while in the only Saturday game, Bankstown drew with Manly 0-0.

Avala took the lead after eight minutes against Croatia through young striker Neil Pearson but they couldn't hold out against their top-of-the-table opponents who went on to win 3-1.

Avala coach Doug Utjesenovic said he felt his side lacked the ability to hold onto their lead.

"We just didn't know what to do after going into such an early lead," he said.

Croatia's in-form strikers Nelio Borges and Peter Hensman put Croatia into a 2-1 half-time lead, and left back Lee Sterry sealed the win seven minutes from the end with a 30-metre freekick.

Once again the Kovacic brothers, Marijan and Alex, and Peter Hensman shone for Croatia, while Pearson and midfielder Emmanuel Ruiz played well for Avala.

John Stoddart was outstanding for Melita in their 0-0 draw with Parramatta with his midfield partner, Ray Farrugia not too far behind.

The Eagles continually attacked, but couldn't get past Parramatta's central defence combination of Kevin Lackey and Percy Bigland and goalkeeper Dennis Donovan.

Canterbury completely dominated the first half against Polonia, but Polonia came back with more determination in the second period to win 1-0.

A poor back-pass by Canterbury sweeper Mark [illegible] was intercepted by Anito Budini, who took the ball past the goalkeeper and shot into an open goal for the winner.

Monaro, without star striker, Ian Heywood, struggled in the first half against North Sydney, but came back to pressure very strongly in the second period.

CROATIA v AVALA 3-1 (2-1)

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Sterry, M. Kovacic, Dudaric, Vidaic, Parker (Parsons 68m), Czolnowski, Silva, Borges, Hensman.
Avala: Ahrens, Lembryk, Turnbull, Bateman, Brown (Scharfegger 70m), Ruiz, Gogic, Fairclough, Pearson (Fernandez 70m), Youssef, Young.
Goals: 0-1 Pearson (8m), 1-1 Hensman (15m), 2-1 Borges (30m), 3-1 Sterry (83m).
Referee: P. Rampley; **Crowd:** 3,000.

INTER MONARO v NORTH SYDNEY 1-1 (0-1)

Inter Monaro: Caputo, Francis, Crawford, Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Arquero, Johnson, Link, Sheridan (Ashford 65m), Colbertaldo.
North Sydney: Katsivelas, Gibson, J. Bottalico, Matheson, McGinn, O'Rourke (sent off), Mitchell, Steven, S. Wilson (T. Wilson 64m), Dale, Morsello.
Goals: 0-1 O'Rourke (40m), 1-1 Sheridan (70m).
Referee: D. Romano; **Crowd:** 900; **Cautions:** Noble, Link; **Sent off:** O'Rourke.

CANTERBURY v POLONIA 0-1(0-0)

Canterbury: McPherson, Karaspiros, Laws, Barton, Pseutoiconomou, Bozanos, Gill, Williams, Brown, Thodorakopoulos, Basterfield.
Polonia: Kalinowski, Zounis, Maitre, Galas, R. Budini, Garlowski, Divani (Lemanczyk 46m), Noble, Sookee, Szobczyk, A. Budini.
Goal: A. Budini (53m).
Referee: W. Phelps.

BANKSTOWN v MANLY 0-0

Bankstown: Lachowicz, Beveridge, Usher, Rootsey, Greg Lynch, Glen Lynch, King, Rea (Fergusson 70m), Beater, Isoardi.
Manly: Ellis, Geohegan, Doyle, Emery, Kramer, P. Faulkner (Wilson [illegible]
Referee: K. Small; **Crowd:** 230;
Cautions: Beater, Emery.

SUTHERLAND v ST. GEORGE 0-1 (0-1)

Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Donnelly, Dal Forno, Groome, Watkins, Meades, P. Bush, Connor (Murphy 77m), T. Bush.
St.George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Barton, Rylands, McDonald, Davies (Walker 87m), Stone, Skeen, Kanacki, Campbell (Marton 69m).
Goal: Barton (14m).
Referee: N. Fotou; **crowd:** 700; **caution:** McDonald.

MELITA v PARRAMATTA 0-0

Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Darvill, Daley, McPherson, Stoddart, Berry, Farrugia, Allan, Williams (Martinez 68m), Jones.
Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, Biglands, Bates, Lackey, Hynes, Roughley, Juchniewicz, Roden, Montgomery, Herron.
Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 900; **caution:** Allan.

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NSW DRAW FOR THE WEEKEND

DIVISION 2

Lane Cove Utd. v Mt.Druitt Town, Sun., Pottery Green; Marrickville Rockdale v Baulkham Hills, Sun., Mackey Park; Queens Park v Liverpool Albion, Sat., Erskineville; Campbelltown v Dee Why, Sun., Lynwood Park; Riverstone Schofields v Bonnyrigg, Sat., Schofields Park; North Ryde v Gladesville Hornsby, Sun., Nth. Ryde.

DIVISION 3

Kingsford v Port Hacking, Sat., Turruwull; Fairfield Kiev v Artarmon, Sun., Knight Park No.4; Sydney Uni v Wenty Waratahs, Sat., St.Johns Oval; Eastern Creek v Padstow Park, Sun., Cawarra Park; Hurstville-Zagreb v Paddington, Sun., Evatt Park; West Ryde v Bondi Marine, Sun., L.H. Waud; West Ryde v Artarmon, Sat., L.H. Waud.

DIVISION 3

Eastwood S/A v Fairfield West, Sun., Upper Eastwood Oval; Winston Hills v Chelsea, Sun., Max Ruddock Reserve; West St.George v Canley Heights, Sun., Peakhurst Park; West Holroyd v Revesby Rovers, Sun., West Guildford; Concordia v Nth.Rocks, Sat., M'ville Oval; Maroubra United v Ryde Dist., Sat., Coral Sea Park; West [illegible]

DIVISION 5

Macquarie Uni v Camden, Sun., Macquarie Uni Oval; Green Valley v Haberfield, Sun., Blamfield; Moorebank v Edensor Park, Sat., Hammondville Park; Auburn Juniors v Chullora, Sat., Progress Park; Glenquarie Utd., v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Bensley Road S/Complex; Pagewood v Syd.Maccabi, Sat., Syd.Athletic Field.

DIVISION 6

Trasandinos Sports v Rangers Hajduk, Sun., Booralee Park No.2; Bankstown Sports v Blacktown Wands., Sat., Condell Park High School; Liverpool Utd. v Robins, Sun., Childs Park; Colo-Colo v Liverpool City, Sun., Knight No. 5; South Sydney v Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Booralee Park; Blacktown Workers v Parramatta, Sat., Laybutt Reserve; Liverpool Rangers v Robins, Sat., Leland Park.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

(all Saturday except Gladesville v Polonia which is on Sunday.)

Group 1

Glad/Hornsby v Polonia, Pioneer Park
Bankstown v Illawarra, Soccer Centre
St.George v Blacktown City, Gabbie Stadium
Sydney Olympic v Croatia, Pratten Park
Melita v Baulkham Hills, Ted Horwood Reserve
Sthn. Eastern v Leichhardt, Lambert Park

Group 2

Nepean v Sutherland, Cook Park
Riverwood v Marconi, Mona Park
Kuringai v Central Coast, Acron Park
Canterbury v Avala, Arlington Oval
Blacktown Assoc. v Manly, Cromer
Southern District — Bye

	14s	15s	16s
Group 1			
Glad/Hornsby v Sthn. & Eastern	3-0	5-1	1-2
Bankstown v Melita	1-1	1-1	1-2
St.George v Syd.Olympic	0-0	5-0	1-0
Blacktown City v Polonia	0-1	1-2	2-1
Illawarra v Leichhardt	0-2	0-2	1-1
Baulkham Hills v Croatia	1-1	0-2	1-1
Group 2			
Nepean v Sthn. Dist.	0-0	1-0	0-4
Riverwood v Manly	0-2	1-0	1-1
Kuringai v Canterbury	2-0	0-4	2-4
Blacktown Assoc. v Avala	1-0	0-2	3-3

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

A hat-trick by striker John McCranor kept Kuringai on top of the table after the side walloped Warringah 5-1.

But one of their strongest rivals for promotion, Blacktown also crushed Belmore to the tune of 5-0 and are right on their heels.

Wollongong dropped a point against bottom of the table Revesby but Fairy Meadow — the team of the moment — scored a 3-0 victory over the students "away".

The Fairies scored 12 goals in the last three games and this weekend they line-up against the arch rivals Wollongong in the "local derby".

This will be a match worth watching and should attract a big crowd down the coast.

Penrith scored a "lucky" win over Gladesville with a late minute goal while Nth. Bankstown snatched a point against the struggling Bathurst.

Highlights of last week's matches were:

BATHURST v NTH. BANKSTOWN 0-0

North Bankstown were unlucky not to get both points in their match against Bathurst.

They dominated the game in midfield but lacked punch up front. Both teams played fast, entertaining football and the game was good to watch despite the lack of goals.

Nth. Bankstown: I. Madden, Wright, Gallagher,. D. Madden, Thompson, Debour, Stephenson (Parry), C. Madden, Wileman, Buckley, Muir. **Coach:** D. Madden.

UNI OF NSW v FAIRY MEADOW 0-3

The students fought hard in the first half trying to match Fairy Meadow but had to let go late in the match.

The Fairies opened the score early when a ball from Hugh Tinney in the 4th minute found Steve Baker in position to hammer it into the net.

John Kelly was unlucky not to get the equaliser with one minute to halftime but he was robbed off the ball just as he was about to shoot.

Hugh Tinney had more of midfield in the second half and the inevitable happened as the Fairies grabbed two goals within two minutes.

Tony Charnock scored the first from a cross by Gardner and Graham Gardener converted a penalty two minutes later.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Keluwin (Dowe), Lyons, Erhardt, Popovich, Wren, Graham, Antonioli, Carwaj, Kelly, Hughes. **Coach:** A. Field.
Fairy Meadow: A. Beck, S. Beck, (Hamilton), Southwell, Chilby, Devenney, Tinney, Richardson, Charnock, White, Baker, Gardner. **Coach:** H. Tinney.

Struggling Revesby snatched another point, this time against promotion seekers Wollongong.

Both sides had their chances and half chances but neither was able to drive home the advantage.

Revesby this year have lost many games with the odd goal even when they played good football.

This time they managed to hold on until the whistle and against Wollongong this might be classed as an achievement.

Revesby: Wright, Adams, Anderson, Harris, Pittman, Byles, Sadek, Judd, Prior, Mitford (Parkingson), Machin (Larkins). **Coach:** R. Harbour.
Wollongong: P. Terziovski, Namouski, Montecchie, Talevski, R. Sattin, Drain, M. Terziovski, H. Sattin, P. Giraldi, Gardner (Dafkovski), R. Giraldi. **Coach:** M. Johnson.

BELMORE v BLACKTOWN 0-5

After dropping a point a week before, Blacktown came back with a vengeance thrashing Belmore by five goals.

Peter Murray scored the only goal in the first half with a 30 metres shot that gave Carlisle no chance.

But after the interval the forwards took their chances well finishing off good moves started from midfield.

Young Steve Davidson scored two goals, Frank De Valle scored from a penalty and Bobby Crone scored to make it five.

Belmore: Carlisle, G. Palmer, Cruger, Martin, Vergos, Kirwin, Oughton, Grant (Gary Billinghurst), Murray, B. Palmer, Graham Billinghurst (Lewis). **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Blacktown: Evans, Murray, Ber, Eldridge, Foster, De Valle, Thompson, Davidson, R. Crone, Taylor (Clarke), J. Ramisch. **Coach:** D. Zeman.

GLADESVILLE v PENRITH 1-2

Two goals scored in the last four minutes gave Penrith a narrow victory over Gladesville.

It was a hard match, and while Penrith tried to force their way through the middle, stopper Baldwin had them tied down with some very good tackling.

Mark Nile gave the home side the lead and it looked like they will get the points until Penrith switched play to the flanks and from two crosses Graham Beamer equalised and Peter Lewis got the winner with only 30 seconds to spare.

Gladesville: Taylor, Kevern, Kendall, Harrison, Ferrara, Goldsworthy, Zanola, Baldwin, Naylor (Woodford), Nile Butt. **Coach:** J. Woodford.
Penrith: Gibson, Pratt, Gaskin, Hobart, May, Hammill, Thoms, Demattia, Hood, Lewis, Beamer. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.

GUILDFORD v YUGAL 1-2

Two goals by Amanji Rokodera, a header and a driving shot gave Yugal the points at Guildford.

All three goals were scored in the first half and both teams hit each other's woodwork in the second without scoring.

Rokodera opened the score for Yugal but Stephen Moss got the equaliser for Guildford.

The second goal by Rokodera gave Yugal the points but Guildford feels they did enough to get a point from this match.

Guildford: Freeman, Allen, Stead, Glass, Hunter, McGlynn, Morrison, McTigue, (Tait), Miller, Moss, Robinson (Nicholson). **Coach:** M. O'Neill.
Yugal: Berry, Rendell, Cummings, McIntosh, Clarke, McGrath, Babian (Travini), Benecke (Mihailovic), Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.

WARRINGAH v KURINGAI 1-5

It was a black day for Warringah and the wet ground and weather didn't really help.

After their third grade side was walloped 11-1, the first grade didn't do much better.

Kuringai's big centre forward John McCranor helped himself to a hat-trick, first scoring the only two goals in the first half and adding another after the interval.

Alan Sturgess hit the woodwork soon after the resumption and Peter Killie scored a consolation goal but that was all for Warringah.

Billy Stewart and Keith Gould scored the other two for the winners.

Warringah: Robins, Dunca, Friend, Collings, Ainslie, Sturgess, Morris, Killie, Pittman, Szewczyk, Beverley. **Coach:** A. Ainslie.
Kuringai: Antman, Haines, Robertson, Sidey, Gross, Williamson, Magill, Gould, Smith, McCranor, Stewart. **Coach:** H. Noon.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Bankst.v Manly	0-0	0-2	4-1
Monaro v NS-Inter	1-1	0-0	—
Croatia v Avala	3-1	2-0	3-1
Melita v P'matta	0-0	0-0	0-2
Cant.M'vl v Polonia	0-1	2-0	1-0
S'land v St.George	0-1	1-1	—
Division 1			
Bathrst v N.Bankst	0-0	0-1	2-0
Revesby v W'gong	0-0	2-1	0-2
Guildford v Yugal	1-2	1-3	4-1
Gladesvl. v Penrith	1-2	4-3	2-1
DIVISION 2			
Baulk.Hl v Lane C.	1-0	2-0	4-0
M.Druitt v Qu.Park	5-0	2-1	4-0
Liverp.v C'town	0-2	0-1	3-0
Dee Why v Riverst	—	—	—
B'rigg v Gladesvl.	4-2	0-0	0-2
N.Ryde v M'vile	2-0	3-2	0-6
C'town v Queens P	3-2	1-2	3-1
DIVISION 3			
Artarmon v K'ford	1-2	3-2	
Padd. v W.Ryde	1-1	2-1	
Bondi v Fairfld.	1-1	4-1	
Wenty v EastnCrk.	5-1	1-1	
DIVISION 4			
Revesby Concord.	0-2	2-3	
Ryde Dist.v Winst.H	1-5	1-2	
N.Rocks v Can.H.	1-2	0-0	
Chelsea v Eastwd.	3-0	4-2	
Fairfld. v W.St.Geo	2-3	1-2	
Canley H.v W.Hol.	3-2	1-0	
Nth.Rocks v M'bra	1-0	1-0	
DIVISION 5			
Camden v M'bank	0-5	0-2	
Eden.Prk. v Aub.J	6-0	2-2	
Chullora v Glenqu.	2-4	2-3	
Syd.Macc. v Grn.V	0-1	2-0	
Haberfld. v Mac Uni	4-3	3-3	
Hawkesbry v Pgewd	2-1	3-1	
Aub.J. v M'bank	1-2	2-1	
DIVISION 6			
Liv.Rang. v Bl.Work	2-2	0-2	
P'matta v Rang.Haj	1-1	0-4	
Bl.Wand. v T'dinos	4-1	0-2	
Rang.Haj v Liv.Utd	1-2	1-3	
Robins v Colo Col.	3-0	2-2	
Liv.City v S.Syd.	3-0	6-0	
P'matta v Bankst.	2-2	2-0	

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Are guest players good for Australian soccer?

This was the broad question I was asked by David Fordham on Channel O's program last Friday.

We discussed the subject briefly and perhaps not terribly lucidly: TV is not always the best medium for long dissertations.

So let me go into the subject in greater detail.

This — like the question of importing players — has been a contentious issue in our soccer for many years, usually approached emotionally and rarely rationally.

On the one hand, we do have to import players — guests or permanents — because our production levels are insufficient; on the other hand, through these imports, we almost make certain that the local product won't improve markedly.

So it's a vicious circle: the classic Catch 22.

My view is that the ASF is dutybound to protect the interests of Australian soccer and to do that, they have to do more than just run the household chores.

Sure, they do have a regulation which limits the number of temporary visa players per PSL club — but there is no rule which prevents a large number of players from flooding into teams at other levels and grades.

And whether they play for Heidelberg in the PSL or for Bankstown Sports in 6th division, they do take valuable places from locally produced players.

Being a migrant country, it's hard to curtail the free movement of people to Australia.

But the Australian soccer industry has the same right to protect its interests as the footwear, textile or automobile industries have.

If, for example, a PSL club decided to bring out a player — guest or semi-permanent — they should pay a levy into a development fund.

The same would have to apply to non-PSL clubs if the player in question transfers, within two or three years, to a PSL outfit.

I don't think we should tell the clubs not to import players — but we have every right to demand that they pay a levy on them.

After all, if they can find $10,000 or $30,000 to finance such an importation, they can find an extra $1,000 towards the development of Australian soccer.

They often pay a fee to an agent anyway; at least this levy would be better spent.

Clubs will probably resist such a move, arguing that a Fashanu, Channon, Latchford and others are "good for Australian soccer."

Perhaps they are, in the short run. But can anybody tell me in what way our soccer has benefited from the large number of non-descript imports which now fill our teams?

Take some random examples. Heidelberg's regular team includes two real locals, Olver and Selemidis; Wollongong have Willis, Morlando, Fontana and Peter Tredinnick, Newcastle have Senkalski, Storey and Howard Tredinnick. The rest are imports.

Is this Australian soccer — or is it expatriate soccer played in Australia?

If we did have such a levy system, clubs would be a trifle more cautious with their imports and wouldn't sustain the old practice of bringing out six players hoping that one will make the grade.

From the levies, a very tidy sum could be gained by the ASF — possibly $20,000 a year or more — which could go towards establishing a permanent, year-round coaching college.

Let the clubs which don't produce enough local talent pay, through their import levy, for somebody else to do the job for them.

At present, we have no permanent facilities for the formal education of coaches.

Holland has one at Zeist, Germany at Cologne, Italy at Rome, Hungary at Budapest and most other countries also have similar establishments where it takes from one year to five (Zeist) to gain various coaching degrees.

Australia has nothing like that at all: here it's possible to attend a five-day evening seminar and get a preliminary badge.

The result is that too many of our so called coaches are totally unqualified, ill-prepared and incompetent.

And the future of our youth — and our own soccer future — is in their hands. A frightening prospect.

This is what I see to be a major challenge for the ASF, not trivial little local issues on which they waste so much time and energy.

We spend a fortune on marketing our product, namely soccer — but don't seem to give two hoots about improving the quality of that product.

If the successive ASF administrations have let us down, it wasn't because they hired Rudi Gutendorf or any other such decision — it was their total failure to grasp the needs for the development of the game in this country.

Without such measures, we will be arguing about the same problems of Australian soccer in 10 and 20 years time — as we were doing 20 years ago, too.

In a recent issue (June 10) we published the wrong goalie's name under a picture. The man in question was not A. McPherson but Ali El Zein, from Canterbury.

The other apology concerns our whimsical suggestion about a "Yugoslav" team composed of players who or whose forebears hail from that country.

It seems once again we touched some raw nerves. What we meant was Croatians, Serbs, Makedonians, Hercegovians, Bosnians, Montenegrians, Albanians, Turks, Hungarians, Slovenians, Dalmatians and others who hail from a region now occupied by a country whose name we dare not print here because, according to one angry caller, it doesn't exist...

Just before his departure, Tommy Docherty offered to coach the Socceroos, part-time, for $1 a week.

We hear another keen candidate has gone down now to 70 cents.

Two or three more such bids and the ASF may be able to balance its books.

— Andrew Dettre

PHILIPS CUP

Leichhardt v Olympic 2-1

Leichhardt: Woodhouse, Skellern, Wilson, Hughes, Coyne, Kafka, Bradley, Gray, O'Connor, Soper, Pirie (Morsello).
Olympic: Wilson, Moulis (Cross), Zeros, Rowden, Scott, Wilson, Katholos, Raskopoulos (Cotton), Laing, Koussas, Jennings.
Goals: 1-0 O'Connor (35m), 2-0 Soper (72m), 2-1 Cotton (78m).

HEIDELBERG v ADELAIDE CITY 0-1

WEST ADELAIDE v BRISBANE CITY 4-2

West Adelaide: Crook, Maricic, Totsikas, Bozanic, Brown, Honeyman, McGregor, Koulianos, Lorenzoni, Manecas.
Brisbane City: Coe, Caldwell, Dunne, Ratcliffe, B. Wilkinson, Pimblett, Gaffney, Hamilton, Palinkas, P. Wilkinson, McVeigh.
Replacements: Smythe (46m for Koulianos, Kelso (66m) for McVie, Kowlski (66m) for Lorenzoni, Vincenzino (85m) for Caldwell.
Goals: 0-1 Caldwell (11m), 1-1 Lorenzoni (18m), 1-2 Hamilton (48m), 2-2 Manecas (57m), 3-2 (70m), 4-2 Smythe (88m).
Referee: J. Rossis — **Crowd:** 1,800 — **Caution:** McVie.

Relegation threatened West Adelaide displayed remarkable resilience to topple Brisbane City 4-2 in a quarter-final.

Dual cup winners Brisbane City twice led and twice were pegged back by the determined, hard-running Westad.

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